

St Joseph's, Bedford & Our Lady's, Kempston

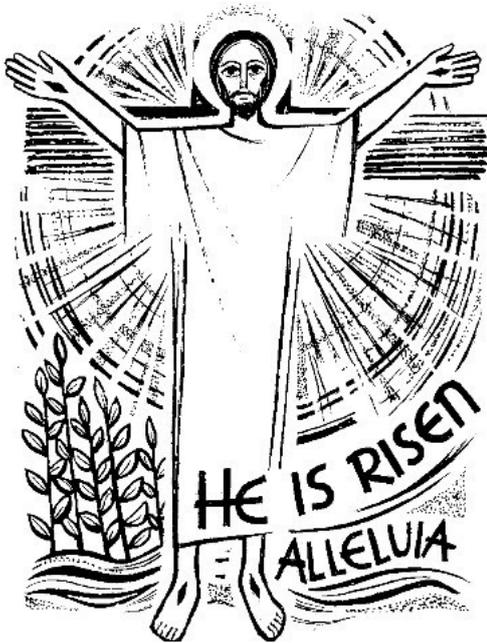
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EASTER SUNDAY

1st April 2018



EASTER

Today is the greatest feast in the life of the Church. With thanksgiving and joy and renewed hope we celebrate Christ's victory over death. We share in that victory and with him we will rise to everlasting life. Christ's resurrection gives meaning and purpose to our earthly existence. He came that we may have life and have it to the full. It is this Easter faith that we possess which helps us experience, even now, something of the future life that awaits us in heaven. The Easter mystery gives us courage to live the gift of faith and the gift of life itself to the full and so we take heart and rejoice on this day made by the lord.

THANKS

Thanks to all who helped with the Holy Week and Easter celebrations: the musicians and choir, the readers and Ministers, altar servers, flower arrangers and church cleaners. Thank also for the many Easter greetings received.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Dennis Gilbert, RIP
9.30am Linda Richardson, RIP
11.00am Paddy Malone
6.30pm Fulton & Devlin Families, RIP

Monday *Easter Octave*

10.45am Elizabeth Bedford

Tuesday *Easter Octave*

7.30am Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP
10.45am Peter Lewis, RIP

Wednesday *Easter Octave*

7:30am Maria & Teodor, Bazylewicz, RIP
10.45am Marie Clare

Thursday *Easter Octave*

10.45am Trutz & Karena Haase

Friday *Easter Octave*

10.45am Evelyn Foy, RIP

Saturday *Easter Octave*

8.30pm Mary Paul, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Denora Burnett, RIP

Thursday 6.00pm Antonio Manosperti, RIP

Confessions: Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)
St Joseph's: 5.00pm – 5.30pm

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am - 7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Mukuze, Kahari, Ndoro

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: None until after Easter

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the feast of Divine Mercy when we remember and celebrate the great mercy shown us in Christ. There will be an afternoon of prayer and devotion in St Joseph's starting at 2.45pm with the blessing of the Divine Mercy Image followed by the 3 O'clock Prayer, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Consecration Prayer. Confessions are available afterwards. All are welcome to this time of prayer seeking God's mercy and help.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCH

Thanks to all who supported the Lenten Soup Lunches for CAFOD at Our Lady's church, Kempston. A total of £215 was raised. Many thanks especially to those who provided the delicious homemade soups and bread.

DVD ON OUR LADY

A five session DVD course on Mary will be run at Our Lady's, Kempston, starting on Tuesday 17th April at 7.30pm and continuing each week until Tuesday 15th May. It is an exploration of the life of Mary filmed on location in the Holy Land, Ephesus, Walsingham and elsewhere, with input from experts and testimonies by various people. The course book provided includes discussion questions and prayer reflection guides. All welcome to come and share how Mary helps us to be filled with God.

CHARITY GOLF DAY

The SS Philip & James Charity Golf Day this year takes place on Friday 1st June at Mowsbury Golf Club, Bedford in aid of Bedford Food Bank and Tibbs Dementia Foundation, Bedford. Sponsorship is needed so if you can help please contact the number. Entry forms for playing and or attending the dinner are now available. Full details of the event is on the poster on the church noticeboard. Contact Mike Chappell on 07973 703340.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND

A Vocations Weekend is planned for Friday 13th – Sunday 15th April at Northampton Cathedral for men thinking of a possible priestly vocation. For more details, please contact Canon Mark Floody on 01604 714556, frmark@northamptoncathedral.org or Fr Andy Richardson on 01628 605764 or frandyrichardson@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS FOR EVC UGANDA

Because of the very successful development of the charity we are now seeking additional help in many areas including administration, secretarial work, fundraising and marketing. If you could spare a few hours a week or more to help do please let us know. Contact Judi Fawcett on 838134.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL EVENING

An International Social Evening will be held in the Italian Church Hall on Friday 4th May at 7.30pm in aid of our parish project. All the different ethnic groups in our two parishes will be invited to bring some of their dishes, hot or cold for a buffet style meal. We also hope to have music from the different countries playing while we taste and share the different dishes. The entrance fee for the evening will be £5 and a list to sign up for the meal will be made available soon. Put the date in your diary now.

PETITION

Pro-abortion MPs are seeking to introduce legislation to decriminalise abortion. This would strip from unborn children any remaining effective legal protection from abortion. It will mean abortion up to birth for any reason. We are asked to sign the petition at the back of the church or online at www.spuc.org.uk calling upon the Prime Minister not to give any parliamentary support to decriminalise abortion. If you have questions about the moral implications of abortion, please go to www.spuc.org.uk.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes from 3rd to 7th September 2018, flying from Stansted, costing £595 per person sharing. Single room supplement is £112 for the duration. Price includes flights and full-board accommodation at the Astoria Hotel. A non-refundable deposit of £100 will be required when booking. Balance due 8 weeks before departure. If interested, please see Canon Seamus for a booking form.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Kelly. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

*Wishing you the joy and blessing of
the Risen Lord this Easter.*

Canon Seamus & Fr Roy

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1217.60

Our Lady's £371.07

Thank you.