

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 11th March 2018



YEAR RE-UNION

My ordination year of 1980 is having a re-union here in St Joseph's this Wednesday with the celebration of Mass at 12 noon. You are welcome to join us and pray for more priestly vocations.

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 or frmark@northamptoncathedral.org or Fr Andy Richardson on 01628 605 764 or frandyrichardson@gmail.com

TAIZE STYLE PRAYER

We are invited to a Taizé style prayer session on Monday 26th March at 7.00pm in the Prayer Room of St Thomas More School, Tyne Crescent, MK45 7UL. More info from H.Burgess@stm.beds.sch.uk or 400222 ext 249. See poster on the noticeboard.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am People of the Parish
9.30am Peter Willis, RIP
11.00am Richard Breed, RIP
6.30pm Nora Fulton, RIP

Monday *Feria*
10.45am Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*
7.30am Bridie Kaziou
10.45am Winifred Brannan, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*
7.30am Marie Leahy
10.45am Eddy Haughey, RIP

Thursday *Feria*
10.45am Myles & Daisy McCann

Friday *Feria*
10.45am Margaret Kagaba

Saturday *St Patrick*
10.45am Angela Wilson, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Alan Wright, RIP
Thursday 6.00pm Sylvia Blackburn

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am - 7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Allen, Neal, Wakaba

FLOWERS: No flowers

NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: Lyn Bull

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross today at 4.00pm in St Joseph's and Our Lady's. Please try to attend as part of your Lenten practice. In this prayerful devotion we meditate on the passion and death of Christ.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Colin Heaney, Denis Meadows and Bridget Travers. May they rest in peace.

CURRY NIGHT

Another Curry Night has been arranged for Wednesday 14th March at the Indiya Restaurant, The Broadway, Bedford, 7.00pm for 7.15pm in aid of our parish project. The cost is £15 per person with £2 of that as a donation to our charity. A non-Indian main course also available. Please place your name and telephone number on the sheet at the back of the church if you wish to attend.

LENT TALKS

The Bedford Town Centre Churches are presenting a series of talks during Lent on the theme: Christ Though Culture. The talks are each Wednesday from 1.10pm – 2.00pm in Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES

Lenten Soup Lunch this Friday and every Friday during Lent in Our Lady's Meeting Room, Kempston, at 12.30pm in aid of the work of CAFOD. Please come along and support.

PASSOVER SUPPER

The Jewish Passover Supper will be celebrated in its fulfilment by Jesus at the Last Supper on Friday 23rd March at 7.00pm in Christ the King Parish Hall. We are invited to experience the symbolic power and richness of the Jewish Passover and its fulfilment at the very first Easter. Tickets on sale after the Masses at £7.50.

EVC UGANDA PRAYER GROUP

Supporters of this charity see prayer as a vital part of our work in providing education to some of the poorest children in the world. On the last Wednesday of every month we are warmly invited to join the prayer group held at Our Lady's, Kempston commencing at 8pm. For further details, please contact Mary Frost on 304014.

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.

TRUE SURVIVOR

This is the title of a weekend organised by the Diocesan Youth Ministry, 25th – 27th May, for young men aged 13 – 18. The cost of the weekend is £99. The group travel to Poole in Dorset. For more information, please see Canon Seamus or email: steve@nymo.org

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 22nd – 29th May 2018 flying from Luton. Please contact Mary Frost on 304014 if interested.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 23rd April, 4 nights. Cost £599 per person sharing. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

CATHOLIC MEN PILGRIMAGE

First annual pilgrimage for Catholic men to Walsingham on Sunday 22nd April. For more information, visit www.catholicman.co.uk.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1136.19

Our Lady's £270.02

Thank you.