

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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT
18th March 2018**



PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a Penitential Service with individual Confessions this Thursday 22nd March at 7.00pm in St Joseph's church.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The next Confirmation Class for candidates is this Saturday at 5.00pm in the Guild Room. All must attend, please.

MASS IN KEYSOE

Fr Roy will be celebrating Mass in St Mary's Church of England church in Keysoe this Friday at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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. All are welcome. More info from H.Burgess@stm.beds.sch.uk or 400222 ext 249. See poster on the noticeboard.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

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| Sunday | 8.15am | Anne Baker, RIP |
| | 9.30am | Peter Willis, RIP |
| | 11.00am | Anne Sandford |
| | 6.30pm | Joan Bradley, RIP |
| Monday | <i>St Joseph, Spouse of Our Lady</i> | |
| | 10.45am | Patrick Cusack, RIP |
| Tuesday | <i>Feria</i> | |
| | 7.30am | Family Boschmann |
| | 10.45am | James Foy, RIP |
| Wednesday | <i>Feria</i> | |
| | 7:30am | Family Joselyn |
| | 10.45am | May McKenna, RIP |
| Thursday | <i>Feria</i> | |
| | 10.45am | Requiem Mass: Bridget Travers |
| Friday | <i>Feria</i> | |
| | 10.45am | Franc Rozman, RIP |
| Saturday | <i>Feria</i> | |
| | 10.45am | Carlton Bodkin, RIP |

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

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| Sunday | 9.30am | Alan Wright, RIP |
| Thursday | 6.00pm | Joan Martin, RIP |

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

A pure heart create for me, O God.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am - 7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Cummings, Petts, George

FLOWERS: No flowers

NEXT SUNDAY: Palm Sunday

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: All in church

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection in St Joseph's today for flowers to decorate the church at Easter.

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 frmark@northamptoncathedral.org or 01604 714556 or Fr Andy Richardson at frandyrichardson@gmail.com or 01628 605 764.

LENT TALKS

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

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES

Lenten Soup Lunch this Friday 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. Further details contact Mary Frost on 304014.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jim Livingstone, Denis Meadows and Bridget Travers. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

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.

AFTERNOON VINTAGE TEA

Afternoon Vintage Tea in Christ the King Parish Hall, Harrowden Road, this Friday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Includes tea, cake and dancing. For more information, call 404563.

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. More information from www.catholicmen.co.uk.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1074.30

Our Lady's £363.70

Thank you.