

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

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## PALM SUNDAY

25<sup>th</sup> March 2018



### HOLY WEEK

Today begins the most solemn week of the Church's liturgical year beginning with Our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The great events of Our Lord's redemptive work are recalled and celebrated in the liturgies of Holy Week. Please make a special effort to attend all the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum, beginning on Maundy Thursday evening and in particular the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8.30pm. Please take separate sheet from the back of the church listing the times of the Holy Week Services.

### CONFESSIONS

There will be Confessions at the usual times in St Joseph's this Saturday and there will also be Confessions this Saturday in Our Lady's, Kempston, from 5.00pm to 5.30pm.

### PLEASE NOTE

There will be no 10.45am Mass this Thursday, Friday and Saturday and no Eucharistic Adoration this Thursday.

### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Anthony Herbert, RIP
	9.30am	Sean Orr, RIP
	11.00am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Giovanni Delgiorno & Mimio Caponigro
Monday	<b>Holy Week</b>	
	10.45am	Mrs Flood
Tuesday	<b>Holy Week</b>	
	7.30am	Bernard Rice, RIP
	10.45am	Fr Andrew Hart, RIP
Wednesday	<b>Holy Week</b>	
	7.30am	Bridie Hynes
	10.45am	Christy McCarthy & Family
Thursday	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	
	8.00pm	Michael Smith, RIP
Friday	<b>Good Friday</b>	
	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	
	8.30pm	People of the Parish

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	Canon Seamus Keenan
Thursday	8.00pm	Cremmins Family
Good Friday	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

**ROSARY:** Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** None this week

**ROSARY HOUR:** None this week

**CLEANING:** Mukuze, Kahari, Ngoro

**FLOWERS:** All flower arrangers

**NEXT SUNDAY: Easter Sunday**

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 4

**Children's Liturgy:** None until after Easter

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross today at 4.00pm in both churches.

### HOLY WEEK POSTERS

Holy Week posters supplied by the Knights of St Columba are now available at the back of the church for display in your windows.

## **CHRISM MASS**

We are invited to the Chrism Mass this Thursday in Northampton Cathedral, Kingsthorpe Road, NN2 6AG at 11.00am, followed by refreshments in the Barretts Club. At the Mass the priests will renew their priestly promises and the Bishop will bless the sacred oils that will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the year.

## **MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

All parish Ministers of Holy Communion are requested to renew their commitment at the Maundy Thursday Mass at 8.00pm.

## **GOOD FRIDAY WITNESS**

An ecumenical service of Christian Witness will be held on Good Friday at 12 noon in Harpur Square. All are invited to take part as an act of witness and prayer with our fellow Christians.

## **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

The collection on Good Friday at the Solemn Liturgy is for the upkeep of the Holy Land Shrines. The collection on Easter Sunday is to keep your parish clergy sweet!

## **VOCATIONS WEEKEND**

A Vocations Weekend is planned for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April at Northampton Cathedral for men thinking of a possible priestly vocation. For more details, please contact Canon Mark Floody at [frmark@northamptoncathedral.org](mailto:frmark@northamptoncathedral.org) or call 01604 714556 or email Fr Andy Richardson at [frandyrichardson@gmail.com](mailto:frandyrichardson@gmail.com) or call 01628 605764.

## **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 contact Mary Frost on 304014.

## **TAIZE STYLE PRAYER**

We are invited to a Taizé style prayer session on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in the Prayer Room of St Thomas More School, Tyne Crescent, MK45 7UL. All are welcome. More information: [H.Burgess@stm.beds.sch.uk](mailto:H.Burgess@stm.beds.sch.uk) or 400222 ext 249.

## **CURRY NIGHT**

Thanks to all who supported the Curry Night last week which raised £56 for our parish project. Thanks, also, to John Moore for organising an enjoyable evening of fine food and good company!

## **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](http://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](http://www.spuc.org.uk).

## **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE**

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

## **REQUIESCANT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jim Livingstone and Tom Kelly. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £887.71**

**Our Lady's £252.00**

**Thank you.**