

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8th April 2018



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today 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.

SVP COFFEE MORNING

Our local SVP Conference invites us to a Coffee Morning this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass in the Guild Room in support of the Young Vincentians programme and children's holiday camps. All are welcome.

MISSIO RED BOXES

A grand total of £2093.28 was collected from the red mission boxes from both parishes in the past year. Many thanks for this great gift to the missions.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Ian Herbert, RIP
	9.30am	Peter Willis, RIP
	11.00am	Bridie & Nick Keisters, RIP
	6.30pm	Peggy Eveline Darker, RIP
Monday	<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	
	10.45am	John Macken & Family
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	John & Mary McMahon
	10.45am	Dick Voogd, RIP
Wednesday	<i>St Stanislaus</i>	
	7:30am	Elaine McAlister
	10.45am	Alexander Brannan, RIP
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Zachariah Family
Friday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Requiem: Tom Kelly
Saturday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Colin Henry, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	Jim Levingstone, RIP
Thursday	6.00pm	Rose Scott, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

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: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Easter

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: None until after Easter

PARISH QUIZ

The postponed Parish Quiz will be held this Friday at 7.30pm in the Guild Room in aid of our parish project. Tickets on sale after all Masses today at £3. Come and exercise those little grey cells!

CAKE SALE

Cake sale coming up on Sunday 22nd April after all the Masses in both churches again in aid of our parish project. Donation of cakes gratefully received. Ready, steady, bake!

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.

GUADALUPE SHRINE

We are pleased to display new flowers for the relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and would like to thank Vicky Sheen for her floristry. As many people visit the shrine, we would like to maintain this fresh and simplified appearance as befitting the shrine status within our diocese.

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 below. 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.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

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 and if you wish to bring a dish from your country of origin, is now available at the back of the church.

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 before the end of April, 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.

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory	St Joseph's £2619.30	Our Lady's £571.60	Thank you.
Good Friday Collection	St Joseph's £673.74	Our Lady's £114.54	