

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

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**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**
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PASTORAL LETTER

A Pastoral Letter from our Bishop will be read at all Masses today, reflecting on vocations to the priesthood and religious life on this Good Shepherd Sunday, but also the call of all of us to holiness of life. Please continue to pray for more priestly vocations for our diocese.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection at all Masses today for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund. We have eight seminarians studying for the diocese. Pray that they may realise their calling.

CAKE SALE

Today after all Masses in the Guild Room of St Joseph's church and in the porch of Our Lady's church in aid of our parish project. Thanks to all who donated cakes for the sale.

PARISH QUIZ

Thanks to all who attended the Quiz last Friday in which £130 was raised for our parish project.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	John Kuadjo Gasper, RIP
	9.30am	John Crow, RIP
	11.00am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Joyson George, RIP
Monday	<i>St George</i>	
	10.45am	Terence Fowler, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	David Carroll, RIP
	10.45am	Winifred Brannan, RIP
Wednesday	<i>St Mark</i>	
	7.30am	Margaret Gardiner & Family
	10.45am	Canon Gerard Hart, RIP
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	James Lawson
Friday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Requiem: Anna Roberts
Saturday	<i>St Louis de Montfort</i>	
	10.45am	Peter Lewis, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	William Lawrence, RIP
Thursday	6.00pm	Eden Owens & Family

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am - 7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Allen, Wakaba, Neal

FLOWERS: Mrs Price

NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Lyn Bull

INSTRUMENTAL WORKSHOP

An Instrumental Workshop by the Royal School of Church Music will be held in St Joseph's church on Wednesday 2nd May from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Instrumentalists and singers equally welcome. The evening is free for those who are parishioners. Full details on the noticeboard.

PARISH FORUM

The next meeting of the Parish Forum is this Friday at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. All members of the Forum are requested to attend, please.

WEDDING

Please keep in your prayers Christopher Hawkins and Jennifer Evans who will celebrate their wedding this Saturday afternoon in St Joseph's.

DVD ON OUR LADY

The five session DVD course on Mary began last Tuesday in Our Lady's, Kempston, and will continue each Tuesday at 7.30pm until 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.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN

A Vocations Weekend for Young Women (20s and 30s) is to be held on 25th-27th May in Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the Sisters of Faithful Companions of Jesus. There will be input from the sisters on different aspects of vowed life and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with others who are considering a vocation to religious life. For more information, contact Sr Lynne at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit www.fcjsisters.org

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.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Susan Byrne and Anna Roberts.

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. 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.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

From 22nd to 26th August, Pope Francis will be visiting Dublin for the World Meeting of Families. The Northampton diocese Youth Ministry is inviting young adults aged 16 – 30 years to be part of this great event. If you are interested and for more information, please email: fiona@nymo.org or call 01582 720627.

ROSARY ON THE COAST

To pray for faith, life and peace in the British Isles on Sunday 29th April at 3.00pm. Visit: www.rosaryonthecoast.co.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 £966.33

Our Lady's £265.80

Thank you.