

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

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**SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**  
6<sup>th</sup> May 2018



## FAREWELL

Sadly, we have to say farewell to Fr Roy as the Bishop has asked him to be Priest in Charge of St Bernardine Parish, Buckingham. He will be taking up his duties there on 2<sup>nd</sup> June after almost four years with us. Envelopes will be available next Sunday if you wish to make a donation as a leaving gift to him.

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This Thursday is the feast of the Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation. We celebrate the return of the Lord to his heavenly Father having completed the work of our redemption through his passion, death and resurrection. Mass times are listed. Please note that the Mass on Thursday in Our Lady's is at 7.30pm.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The next preparation class for First Holy Communion children is this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room.

## Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am People of the Parish  
9.30am Elsie Conroy, RIP  
11.00am Eamon Caherty, RIP  
6.30pm Evelyn Foy, RIP

Monday **Feria**  
10.45am Chris & Tammy & Family

Tuesday **Feria**  
7.30am Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP  
10.45am Michael Quirke, RIP

Wednesday **Feria**  
7.30am Hughes Family  
10.45am Patrick & Catherine Rooney & Fam

Thursday **The Ascension of the Lord**  
7.30am People of the Parish  
10.45am Alessandro Argenio, RIP  
7.30pm Shane Hourigan, RIP

Friday **Feria**  
10.45am Patrick O'Connor, RIP

Saturday **Feria**  
10.45am Jaime Limbok, RIP

## Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Emma & Laurie Melville, RIP  
Thursday 7.30pm Sue Byrne, RIP

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday 11.30am - 7.00pm

**ROSARY HOUR:** Friday 2.30pm

**CLEANING:** Mukuze, Kahari, Ndoro

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Redmond

**NEXT SUNDAY: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 2

**Children's Liturgy:** Bimla & Natalie Mathew

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Guild Room with music, songs, scripture reading, reflection and intercessory prayer. All welcome to join in prayer together before the Lord.

## **TALK TO PARENTS**

There will be a talk to the parents of the children making their First Holy Communion this Friday in the Guild Room at 7.15pm. Your attendance is important.

## **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Coach tickets available from Mary Frost on 304014 or 07708 264054.

## **PRO-LIFE MASS**

A Mass for the work of the pro-life movement will be celebrated in St Joseph's on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm. Principal Celebrant, Fr Jeremy Davies. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Guild Room. All are welcome.

## **CHURCH CLEANERS**

More volunteers are needed in St Joseph's to help clean the church on a rota basis. Please let Canon Seamus know if you would like to help.

## **VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN**

A Vocations Weekend for Young Women (20s and 30s) is to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org).

## **CHARITY GOLF DAY**

The SS Philip & James Charity Golf Day this year takes place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

Lino Perla, Elsie Conroy and Peter Bennett.

## **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be second collection at all the Masses next Sunday for the Mass Media of Communication enabling the message of the gospel to be made known through the media and informed news of a Catholic nature, working on behalf of the Communications Office of the Bishop's Conference. Visit: [www.catholicnews.org.uk](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk).

## **MAY DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY**

To be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May in SS Philip & James church from 9.00am – 12.00noon. All welcome. Full details on noticeboard.

## **DAY OF REFLECTION**

For Catholic women on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 11am – 3pm in St John's, Sundon Park Rd, Luton LU3 3AL. See noticeboard for full details.

## **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**

Pope Francis will be visiting Dublin for the World Meeting of Families in August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:fiona@nymo.org) or call 01582 720627.

## **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

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

## **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

This pilgrimage is organised by the Northampton Diocese from 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August. Contact Deacon Michael Fleming on 01604 647750 or [mvf@btinternet.com](mailto:mvf@btinternet.com) if you wish to go. See poster on noticeboard for details.

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £950.68**

**Our Lady's £252.52**

**Thank you.**