

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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**
2nd April 2017



PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a Penitential Service with individual Confessions in St Joseph's on Tuesday 11th April at 7.00pm. Please try to come to this service in preparation for the feast of Easter.

EVENING OF MUSIC AND PRAYER

A Candlelit Evening of Music and Prayer is to be held on Sunday 9th April at 6.00pm in Christ the King Church, Harrowden Road. All are welcome. Refreshments afterwards. See poster for details.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday in the Guild Room from 8.00pm to 9.00pm. Music, chants, readings, reflection and shared prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Come and join in this time of gentle prayer and peace.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Fr Boniface
	9.30am	Ciro Guerriero, RIP
	11.00am	Anil Abraham & Mr Biju, RIP
	6.30pm	Sue Sarsfield, RIP

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Peter Lewis, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

7.30am Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko

10.45am Anne & Joy Matheikan

Wednesday *Feria*

7.30am Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz

10.45am Celia Goodstadt, RIP

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Evelyn Foy, RIP

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Dennis Gilbert, RIP

Saturday *Feria*

10.45am Nick & Bridie Keisters, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	Carmel Corsie & Family
Thursday	6.00pm	Pat O'Shea, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Cummings, Petts

FLOWERS: No flowers

NEXT SUNDAY: Palm Sunday

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: All in church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

The Mothers' Prayers Group will be meeting in the Reconciliation Chapel after the 10.45am Mass this Monday. All mothers welcome to join in prayer for their children.

WALINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham this year is on Saturday 10th June. Details to follow.

BIBLE TIMELINE & ST MATTHEW

The Bible Timeline course has just ended but it is planned to repeat it in September along with a course on St Matthew's Gospel. If you are interested in either of these courses then you are invited to a meeting on Saturday 6th May at 2.00pm in Holy Cross Parish Hall. Please see the posters on the noticeboard for more information.

MAKE LENT MEAN MORE

For many of us, Lent is about giving up something we enjoy – like chocolate! But we could also give up our time in helping others in need. The St Vincent de Paul Society is one of the Catholic Church's leading volunteering charities with 800,000 members worldwide, working to help anyone in need. Here in this parish our SVP group helps many isolated people but it needs more members, so please consider joining them - Lent is an ideal time to do it. To find out more see Canon Seamus or call 07546 979950.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

A Commemoration Service to mark the genocide in Rwanda is to be held on Saturday 22nd April from 2.00pm to 5.00pm in the Higgins Bedford, Castle Lane. Full details on the noticeboard.

SILENT VIGIL

Silent Vigil of prayer for the unborn this Wednesday from 12noon to 1.15pm outside Bedford Hospital on Britannia Road. All invited to join in the Vigil.

CATHOLIC BEDFORD

For the latest information about what is happening in the local parishes visit: www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jack Doyle, Philomena Megale and Michael Caiger.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND

The Northampton Diocese is holding a Vocations Weekend for men who would like to explore a vocation to the priesthood. The weekend will be held at the Cathedral from 7th to 9th April. Accommodation will be provided. For more details contact Canon Mark Floody on 01604 714556. See poster on the noticeboard.

SUMMER CAMP 11 – 18 YEARS

A Summer Camp for 11- 18 years of age is being arranged by the diocese at Alton Castle, Staffordshire from 6th to 10th August 2017. The Summer Camp is a mix of outdoor activities: sailing, climbing, biking, trekking, muddy games as well as daily Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation and formative input. A day at Alton Towers is included in the price which is a minimum donation of £185. For more information go to www.nymo.org or 01582 720627 or NYMO, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Fully escorted pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 11th June 2017. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights from Luton or Stansted with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, transfers, 4 nights in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel half board. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at a supplement of £60. Contact Patricia on 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. See poster on noticeboard for further details.

CHARITY GOLF DAY

The Ss Philip & James Charity Day this year takes place on Friday 2nd June at Mowsbury Golf Club, Bedford. This year it will be in aid of Autism Bedfordshire and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. 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 in the porch. Contact Mike Chappell on 07973 703340.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1052.46

Our Lady's £434.37

Thank you.