

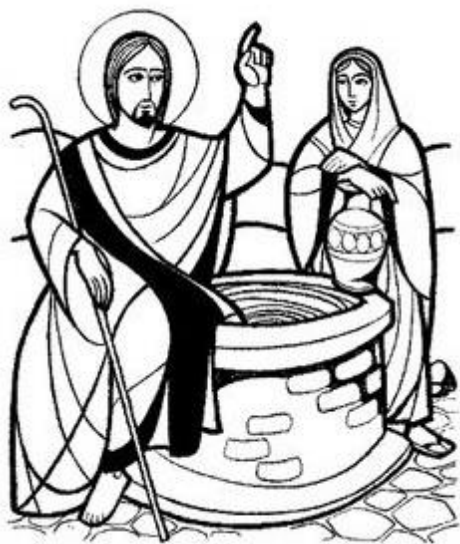
# St Joseph's, Bedford & Our Lady's, Kempston

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**THIRD SUNDAY  
OF LENT**  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2017



## WELCOME

We welcome to the 9.30am Mass in St Joseph's today, staff and pupils from St Joseph's Lower School who will be participating in the liturgy.

## FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

Our Patronal Feast will be celebrated this Monday at the 10.45am Mass.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The next preparation class for the children making their First Holy Communion this year is this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room. All must attend, please.

## CAKE SALE-OUR LADY'S

Thanks to all who donated and bought at the Cake Sale in Our Lady's last Sunday which raised £36.66 for our parish project.

## Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Kitty Deasy, RIP
	9.30am	Patrick Cusack, RIP
	11.00am	Alphy Maria
	6.30pm	Amy Buesa
Monday	<i>St Joseph</i>	
	10.45am	James Foy, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Fintan Davoren, RIP
	10.45am	Canon John Mcauley, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Joan Martin, RIP
	10.45am	Dr Joy Matheikel
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Requiem: Danielle Phelan
Friday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz
Saturday	<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	
	10.45am	Patrick Murphy, RIP

## Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	Barbara Fink
Thursday	6.00pm	John Podesta, RIP

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts'.**

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

**ROSARY HOUR:** Friday 2.30pm

**CLEANING:** Allen, Neal

**FLOWERS:** No flowers

**NEXT SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 3

**Children's Liturgy:** Michael Simmonds

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross today in both churches at 4.00pm. Please try to attend as part of your Lenten practice. It is a good act of self-denial and prayer to give of our time to this devotion as we meditate on the passion and death of Christ.

## CAFOD COLLECTION

Thanks for the generous response to the CAFOD appeal last Sunday from both parishes. Our contributions will assist in alleviating the desperate plight of so many poor and hungry.

## **CONCERT**

The Kempston Musical Society and Ouse Valley Singers are performing Fauré's Requiem in St Joseph's Church on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm in aid of our Parish Project. Also pieces by Mozart, Brahms, Hugh Roberton and John Gross. Programmes on sale after the masses today at £6. Please come and enjoy what will be a pleasant musical evening. See poster on the noticeboard.

## **LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES**

Each Friday at 12.30pm during the month of March there will be a Lenten Soup Lunch in Our Lady's Meeting Room, Kempston in aid of the work of CAFOD. Come and enjoy some homemade soup and bread and good company!

## **LENT TALKS**

The Town Centre Churches are holding a series of Lenten Talks each Wednesday during Lent from 1.10pm to 2.00pm in Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street. The talks will focus on The Power of the Cross in the writings of John Bunyan. All welcome. See poster on the noticeboard.

## **PASSOVER MEAL**

A Passover Meal, relating it to the Last Supper, when Jesus instituted the Eucharist and Priesthood, is to be held in Christ the King Parish Hall, Harrowden Rd, Bedford on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 6.45pm for 7.00pm prompt start. Tickets are £7 for adults and £3 for children (under 15 years old) and available from Mary Frost on 304014. Closing date for tickets is Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. See poster on the noticeboard.

## **REQUIESCANT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Danielle Phelan and Robert Allen. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.nymo.org) or 01582 720627 or NYMO, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD.

## **KNOCK PILGRIMAGE**

Fully escorted pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). See poster on noticeboard for further details.

## **MARRIAGE COURSE**

We are hoping to provide, in the Bedford Pastoral Area, an engaged couples course in preparation for married life. We are looking for a married couple or couples who would be willing to be involved in delivering the course. Training will be given. If any married couples might be interested in learning more, please see Canon Seamus.

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1196.57**

**Our Lady's £310.88**

**Thank you.**

**CAFOD**

**St Joseph's £1078.16**

**Our Lady's £248.77**