

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

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017



### 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.

### EVENING OF MUSIC AND PRAYER

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

### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am People of the Parish  
9.30am Neil McFadden, RIP  
11.00am Sue Sarsfield, RIP  
6.30pm Nora Fulton, RIP

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Joan & Kenneth Kavanagh

Tuesday *Feria*

7.30am Daniel Guerin

10.45am Canon Henry Hart, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*

7.30am Fr Pat Bailey

10.45am Michael Smith, RIP

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am David Hanley

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Maria Flor Rose, RIP

Saturday *Feria*

10.45am Deborah Burnett, RIP

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am David Kelly, RIP

Thursday 6.00pm Joan Moule, RIP

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

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

**ROSARY HOUR:** Friday 2.30pm

**CLEANING:** Cummings, Petts

**FLOWERS:** No flowers

**NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 4

**Children's Liturgy:** Lyn Bull & George

### **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.

### **LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES**

Each Friday at 12.30pm during the month of March there is 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!

## **BIBLE TIME-LINE & ST MATTHEW**

The Bible Time-Line 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 6<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm in Holy Cross Parish Hall. Please see the posters on the noticeboard for more information.

## **THANK YOU**

Grateful thanks from Missio for the grand total of £2,191.67 raised by both our parishes for the missions from the donations made through the Red Mission Boxes. Thanks to all who contribute to the support of the missions in this way.

## **LENT TALKS**

The Town Centre Churches Lenten Talks continue 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 Philomena Megale and Michael Caiger. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

## **CATHOLIC BEDFORD**

For the latest information about what is happening in the local Catholic parishes visit: [www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com](http://www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com).

## **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.

## **CHARITY GOLF DAY**

The Ss Philip & James Charity Day this year takes place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 £967.02

Our Lady's £224.07

Thank you.