

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

Parish Priest: Canon Seamus Keenan, Assistant Priest: Fr Roy Karakkattu MSFS

The Presbytery, 2 Brereton Road, Bedford, MK40 1HU. Tel: 352569

[www.stjosephsbedford.org](http://www.stjosephsbedford.org) Email: [stjosephsbedford@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stjosephsbedford@yahoo.co.uk)

## PALM SUNDAY

9<sup>th</sup> April 2017



### HOLY WEEK

Today begins the most solemn week of the Church's liturgical year. The great events of Our Lord's redemptive work are recalled and celebrated in the liturgies of Holy Week. Please make a special effort to attend all the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum, beginning on Maundy Thursday evening and in particular the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8.30pm. Please take a separate sheet from the back of the church detailing the times of the Holy Week services.

### PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a Penitential Service with individual Confessions in St Joseph's this Tuesday at 7.00pm.

### CONFESSIONS

There will be Confessions at the usual time in St Joseph's this Saturday and there will also be Confessions in Our Lady's this Saturday from 5.00pm to 5.30pm.

### PLEASE NOTE

There will be no 10.45am Mass this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Sean Canavan, RIP
	11.00am	Thomas Deuasia
	6.30pm	Audrey MacKenzie, RIP
Monday	<i>Holy Week</i>	
	10.45am	Monica Mngola
Tuesday	<i>Holy Week</i>	
	7.30am	Barney
	10.45am	Dick Voogd, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Holy Week</i>	
	7.30am	Graham & Raymond Wareham
	10.45am	Giovanni Petti, RIP
Thursday	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	
	8.00pm	Antonio Barbarisi, RIP
Friday	<i>Good Friday</i>	
	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	<i>Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil</i>	
	8.30pm	People of the Parish

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	Carmel Corsie & Family
Thursday	8.00pm	Canon Seamus Keenan
Good Friday	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

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

**ROSARY HOUR:** Friday 2.30pm

**CLEANING:** All available cleaners

**FLOWERS:** All flower arrangers

**NEXT SUNDAY: Easter Sunday**

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 2

**Children's Liturgy:** None until 23<sup>rd</sup> April

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

### HOLY WEEK POSTERS

Holy Week Posters supplied by the Knights of St Columba are now available at the back of the church for display in your windows.

## **CHRISM MASS**

As usual we are invited to join the Bishop in the celebration of the Chrism Mass in Northampton Cathedral, Kingsthorpe Road, NN2 6AG this Thursday at 11am followed by refreshments in the Barretts Club. At the Mass the priests will renew their priestly promises and the Bishop will bless the sacred oils that will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the year.

## **MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

All Ministers of Holy Communion are requested to renew their commitment at the Maundy Thursday Mass at 8.00pm.

## **GOOD FRIDAY WITNESS**

An ecumenical service of Christian witness will be held on Good Friday at 12noon in Harpur Square. All invited to take part as an act of witness and prayer with other Christians.

## **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

The collection on Good Friday at the Solemn Liturgy is for the upkeep of the Holy Land Shrines. The Easter Sunday collection is for the upkeep of your parish clergy!

## **EVENING OF MUSIC AND PRAYER**

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

## **CONCERT**

The Concert last Saturday evening raised £766.00 in aid of our parish project. We thank the Kempston Musical Society and Ouse Valley Singers for their performance and all who came to the concert in support of very enjoyable evening.

## **SOUP LUNCHESES**

The Lenten Soup Lunches in aid of the work of CAFOD raised £175. Thanks to all supported the lunches and especially Dina Keane who made the soup and Arthur Hoggard who made the bread. Delicious!

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm in Holy Cross Parish Hall. Please see the posters on the noticeboard for more information.

## **MAKE LENT MEAN MORE**

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. To find out more see Canon Seamus or call 07546 979950.

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £992.96**

**Our Lady's £247.35**

**Thank you.**