

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

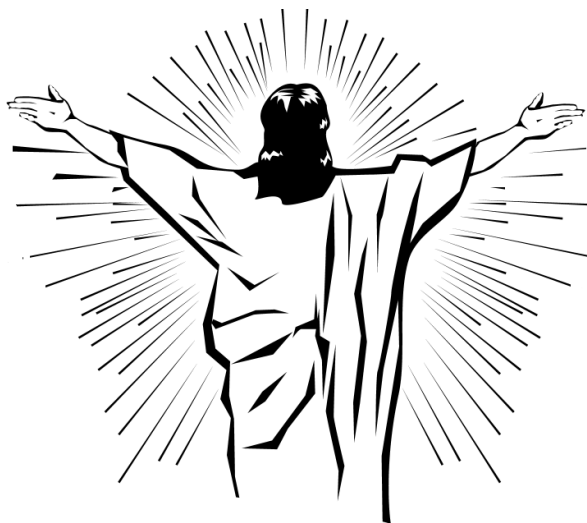
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EASTER SUNDAY

16th April 2017



EASTER

Today is the greatest feast in the life of the Church. With thanksgiving and joy we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead and with him we also rise to everlasting life. Christ's resurrection gives meaning and purpose to our earthly existence. He came that we may have life and have it to the full. It is this Easter faith that we share which helps us experience, even now, something of the future life that awaits us in heaven. The Easter mystery gives us courage to live the gift of faith, and so we take heart and rejoice on this day made by the Lord.

THANKS

Thanks to all who helped with the Holy Week and Easter celebrations: the musicians and choir, the Readers and Ministers, altar servers, flower arrangers and church cleaners. Thanks also for the many Easter greetings received.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

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| Sunday | 8.15am | Jacob Murray & Family |
| | 9.30am | Ryan Family, RIP |
| | 11.00am | In Thanks: Varghese & Family |
| | 6.30pm | Fulton & Devlin Families, RIP |
| Monday | <i>Easter Octave</i> | |
| | 10.45am | Mary Ryan |
| Tuesday | <i>Easter Octave</i> | |
| | 7.30am | Ruby Gaughan & Family |
| | 10.45am | Mary Cullinan, RIP |
| Wednesday | <i>Easter Octave</i> | |
| | 7.30am | Mrs Flood & Family |
| | 10.45am | Ena Ryan |
| Thursday | <i>Easter Octave</i> | |
| | 10.45am | James Foy, RIP |
| Friday | <i>Easter Octave</i> | |
| | 10.45am | Bud Flanagan |
| Saturday | <i>Easter Octave</i> | |
| | 10.45am | John Crow, RIP |

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

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| Sunday | 9.30am | Jennifer Podesta |
| Thursday | 6.00pm | Fr Roy |

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm.

CLEANING: Cummings, Petts

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: Lyn Bull 7 George

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the feast of Divine Mercy when we remember the great mercy shown us in Christ. There will be an afternoon of prayer and devotion in St Joseph's starting at 2.45pm with the blessing of the Divine Mercy Image followed by the 3 o'clock Prayer, the Chaplet, Benediction and Consecration Prayer. Confessions are available afterwards. All are encouraged to attend.

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.

TALK ON OUR LADY

A talk is to be given on 'Our Lady, Ark of the Covenant' by Martyn Furman on Friday 5th May at 7.30pm in the Guild Room at St Joseph's. This will be followed by refreshments. All are invited.

EMMAUS VILLAGE CARLTON

Emmaus Village Carlton, a sanctuary for the homeless, welcomes visitors to its shop and bistro Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am – 4.30pm and Sunday 10am - 4.00pm. Good quality second-hand furniture accepted and collected free. Emmaus Village, School Lane, Carlton, MK43 7LQ. https://www.emmaus.org.uk/village_carlton Tel: 01234 720826. Help support this worthwhile initiative for the homeless.

MUSIC DAY

A Music Day led by Martin Foster for singers and instrumentalists has been arranged for Saturday 27th May in Christ the King Church, Harrowden Road from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Cost is £5 per person. Bring a packed lunch. Instrumentalists bring a music-stand and come prepared to sight-read and transpose if necessary. Booking forms from the presbytery. Full details on the noticeboard.

CENTENARY OF FATIMA

To mark the centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, a family pilgrimage, with Bishop Peter, to the diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, High Street, Great Billing, Northampton, NN3 9DT, is to be held on Saturday 13th May from 10.00am to 4.00pm. All welcome. For further information, please contact Clair Rees: 07983 494438, pilgrimage13thmay@outlook.com.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN ALTAR SERVERS MASS

A Mass for all altar servers is to be celebrated on Saturday 13th May at Northampton Cathedral at 12 noon. Buffet lunch afterwards. Any altar servers from the parish interested in attending, please see Canon Seamus or Fr Roy. Parent drivers are needed.

**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
Alleluia!**

*Wishing you the joy and blessing
of the Risen Lord this Easter.*

Canon Seamus & Fr Roy

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1354.46

Our Lady's £220.34

Thank you.