

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 23rd April 2017



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today 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 today 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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A day course on the Prayer of the Church on Saturday 13th May in Great Missenden, Bucks, by Fr John Hemer, 10.30am – 3.30pm. Booking form and details from the presbytery.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

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| Sunday | 8.15am | Ruby Gaughan & Family |
| | 9.30am | Michael & Ann Simmonds |
| | 11.00am | Gregory Pinning, RIP |
| | 6.30pm | Andrew Hinde |

Monday *St George*

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| 10.45am | Franciska Rozman, RIP |
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Tuesday *St Mark*

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| 7.30am | M. Boschmann & Family |
| 10.45am | Eily Cusack |

Wednesday *Feria*

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| 7.30am | Roland Tilman |
| 10.45am | Dr Sean Matheiken |

Thursday *Feria*

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| 10.45am | Teresa Conway, RIP |
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Friday *Feria*

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| 10.45am | Peter Lewis, RIP |
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Saturday *St Catherine of Siena*

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| 10.45am | Michael Smith, RIP |
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Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

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| Sunday | 9.30am | Jacquet Family, RIP |
| Thursday | 6.00pm | Fr Pat Bailey |

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Mukuze, Kahari, Ndoro

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Easter

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Lyn Bull & George

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 10th June led by Bishop Peter. Coach leaving Bedford on the times and from the places listed on the noticeboard. Price: £14 Adults, £7 Children. Contact Mary Frost on 304014 or 07708 264054 if you wish to go.

THANKS

Renewed thanks to all who helped with the Easter celebrations and your generous Easter offering for your priests.

LIFE & SPUC JOINT PETITION

Last year, the Care Quality Commission uncovered a catalogue of dangerous and illegal practices at Marie Stopes International abortion clinics. The CQC report revealed over 2,600 incidents relating to safety in 2015/2016. Safety breaches included lack of training in anaesthesia, no staff present who could administer medication in cases of haemorrhage and lack of consent training. In view of their appalling treatment of women and recognising that every abortion takes the life of an unborn baby, Life and SPUC have organised a petition calling on the Secretary of State for Health to withdraw from Marie Stopes International its licence to carry out abortions. If you would like to sign the petition you will find it at the back of the church.

SPUC QUIZ

Friday 12th May in Christ the King Church Hall, Harrowden Road, 7pm for 7.30pm. Fish & Chip Supper. Admission: £6. Bring your own drink.

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. 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 – 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.

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 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 12noon. Buffet lunch afterwards. Any altar servers from the parish interested in attending, please see Canon Seamus or Fr Roy. Parent drivers are needed.

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. Further information contact Clair Rees at pilgrimage13thmay@outlook.com or call 07983 494438.

“It is always springtime in the heart that loves God”

St John Vianney

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

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| Offertory | St Joseph's £2489.11 | Our Lady's £495.49 | Thank you. |
| Good Friday | St Joseph's £598.40 | Our Lady's £143.29 | |