

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 30th April 2017



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 to attend this interesting talk on Our Lady under one of her ancient titles.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

All are invited to spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Guild Room (access from Church Street). There will be music, chants, hymns, scripture reading, chaplet, reflection and shared intercessory prayer. Come and be spiritually renewed in the presence of the Risen Lord. Refreshments afterwards.

HEALING SERVICE

A short healing service will be held after the 6.30pm Mass today. We are invited to pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am May McKenna, RIP
9.30am People of the Parish
11.00am Patrick McAneney, RIP
6.30pm Bridie Tolan, RIP

Monday *St Joseph the Worker*

10.45am Neil Ward, RIP

Tuesday *St Athanasius*

7.30am Dennis Gilbert, RIP

10.45am Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz

Wednesday *Ss Philip & James*

7.30am Joselyn Family

10.45am Brenda Nambatya

Thursday *Martyrs of England & Wales*

10.45am Denis & Neville Cox, RIP

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Anna Sullivan

Saturday *Feria*

10.45am Evelyn Foy, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am David Kelly, RIP

Thursday 6.00pm Jennifer Podesta

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Allen, Neal

FLOWERS: Mrs Kavanagh

NEXT SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: Raoul & Jo Bull

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.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for the gift of peace for our world in this centenary of Our Lady of Fatima.

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

There will be a second collection next Sunday at all Masses for the Northampton Diocese Priests' Training Fund in support of our seminarians. There are nine men currently studying for the priesthood for our diocese. Please continue to pray for more priestly vocations.

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.

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.

"It is always springtime in the heart that loves God."

St John Vianney

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 on 07983 494438 or pilgrimage13thmay@outlook.com

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Caiger. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1204.43

Our Lady's £233.98

Thank you.