

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 7th May 2017



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The next preparation class for the children making their First Holy Communion is this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild room.

TALK TO PARENTS

There will be a talk to parents this Thursday in the Guild room at 7.15pm. Your attendance is important as this will be our last meeting before the First Communion Masses.

PASTORAL LETTER

A Pastoral letter from our Bishop will be read at all Masses today on this day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. A second collection for the training of future priests for the diocese will be taken today.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Joseph, Aleyamma, Rosa Kutty
9.30am People of the Parish
11.00am Sean Smith, RIP
6.30pm Jan Kowalewski, RIP

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko

Tuesday *Feria*

7.30am Anna King & Family

10.45am Brenda Harvey, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*

7.30am Ellen & John Conroy, RIP

10.45am Jaime Limbok, RIP

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Celia Goodstadt, RIP

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Maureen Nash

Saturday *Our Lady of Fatima*

10.45am Peter Lewis, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Mary Wright, RIP

Thursday 6.00pm Mrs D'Sousa, 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: Mrs Kavanagh

NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: Edward & Geraldine Byrne

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 and sign the list at the back of the church.

CATHOLIC BEDFORD

For information on what is happening in our Pastoral Area please visit www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com.

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

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

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN

The weekend is organised by the Sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus, from 26th to 28th May in Broadstairs, Kent. There will be input from the sisters on different aspects of vowed life and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. For more information contact Sr Lynne at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit www.fcjsisters.org.

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.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

NORES LECTURE

Sunday 21st May 3.00pm – 4.30pm lecture: **Do you need theology to live a Christian life?** by Prof Tom O'Loughlin, Professor of Historical Theology at Nottingham University. All welcome. Venue: Holy Ghost Parish Centre, 33 Westbourne Rd, Luton, LU4 8JD. Tel: 01582 723312 Ext. 6.

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.

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.

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £902.18

Our Lady's £261.90

Thank you.