

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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**
14th May 2017



NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new offertory envelopes for St Joseph's parish are now available at the back of the church. Please take your new set of envelopes with you before leaving Mass today. It is essential that you use them if you have Gift Aided your weekly donation by envelope, as a record is needed to reclaim the tax on your donation. If anyone wants to start using envelopes please inform Canon Seamus. Likewise, if anyone wants to Gift Aid their donation. This is a painless and easy way to increase our parish income. This might be a good time to review what you give each week as our expenditure, as for most of us, continues to increase. Thank you for your on-going support and giving despite the many financial demands made upon you.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Albert & Peggy Herbert, RIP
9.30am Vera Jerič, RIP
11.00am Elisa Di Gennaro, RIP
6.30pm Jack Doyle, RIP

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Antonio Barbarisi, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

7.30am George Brooks, RIP

10.45am Sr Aquina Matheiken

Wednesday *Feria*

7.30am Special Ints (Brigid King)

10.45am Alessandro Argenio, RIP

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Bill King

Friday *Feria*

10.45am McKenna Family

Saturday *St Bernardine of Siena*

10.45am James Foy, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Jacquet Family

Thursday 6.00pm Emma & Laurie Melville, RIP

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: May your love be upon us,
O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm.

CLEANING: Mukuze, Kahari, Ndoro

FLOWERS: Mrs Kavanagh

NEXT SUNDAY: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: Michael Simmonds

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.

NEEDED

The SVP is looking for a donation of a collapsible wheelchair. Please contact Canon Seamus.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

This is a series of dvd presentations to be shown in Our Lady's Church, Kempston, on the gift of the Holy Spirit. The six sessions seek to help us encounter the Holy Spirit in a personal way and so strengthen our faith. The teachings are relaxed and informative, rooted in the Scriptures, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Evangelii Gaudium (Pope Francis) and further reflections on the Holy Spirit by the Pope. Dates: Tuesdays 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th June and 11th July at 7.30pm. Light refreshments after each session. Everyone welcome.

BIBLE TIMELINE & MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

The Bible Timeline course is to be repeated this September over 24 weeks and a new course on St Matthew's Gospel will be starting also in September as a follow up to the Bible Timeline. This, too, is a 24 session study course. If you would like to register on either of these courses or simply to have more information, please call 308395, or contact: margaret-wells@tiscali.co.uk, michaelsimmonds36@virginmedia.com.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year is from 18th to 25th August. Please contact Deacon Michael Fleming on 01604 647750 or email mvf@btinternet.com for further information if you wish to go.

LIFE & SPUC JOINT PETITION

Last year, the Care Quality Commission uncovered a catalogue of dangerous and illegal practices at Marie Stopes International abortion clinics. 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.

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.

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.

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.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick O'Connor. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory St Joseph's £1056.94
Priests' Training Fund St Joseph's £624.64

Our Lady's £253.19
Our Lady's £162.12

Thank you.