

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

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

1st July 2018



STRAWBERRY TEA

This afternoon at the home of Derek and Anna Ruff, Carlton Cottage, Chequers Hill, Wilden MK44 2QQ at 3.00pm in aid of our parish project. All welcome.

COFFEE MORNING/BRUNCH

Our next fundraising event is a Coffee Morning/Brunch on Saturday 7th July from 11.45am to 1.15pm at the home of John and Gillian Moore, 17 Colchester Way, Bedford. Admission £5 in aid of our parish project. If you would like to attend, please place your name on the list at the back of the church.

SECOND COLLECTION

There is a second collection today at all Masses for Peter's Pence in aid of the poorer churches of the world.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

A time to share in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Guild Room with song, scripture reflection, music, intercessory prayer, concluding at 9.00pm. Come and be refreshed in the presence of the Lord.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Flossy D'Souza
	9.30am	Michael & Anne Simmonds
	11.00am	Foley Family
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Joyce Hamlet, RIP
Tuesday	<i>St Thomas</i>	
	7.30am	Noel Hickey, RIP
	10.45am	Fiona Lanning, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7:30am	Shamie Kelly, RIP
	10.45am	Joseph Mathew, RIP
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Franc Rozman, RIP
Friday	<i>St Maria Goretti</i>	
	10.45am	Evelyn Foy, RIP
Saturday	<i>Votive Mass of Our Lady</i>	
	10.45am	Peter Lewis, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	Mary Armitage
Thursday	6.00pm	Jenny Podesta

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Cummings, Petts, George, Bahoum

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: Lyn Bull

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports.

For more information about its work, visit

www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for peace and conversion in our world.

ROSARY RALLY

Rosary Rally at Mount St Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire, to pray for peace in our world and for young people, on Sunday 26th August commencing with Mass at 2.00pm. Bring a packed lunch and a folding chair or stool. See poster in the porch for more details.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This pilgrimage is organised by the Northampton Diocese from 24th – 31st August. Contact Deacon Michael Fleming on 01604 647750 or mvf@btinternet.com if you wish to go. See poster on noticeboard for details.

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 on leaving Mass today. It is essential that you use them if you Gift Aid your weekly donation by envelope, as a record is needed to reclaim the tax on your contribution. If anyone wants to start using envelopes, please see Canon Seamus. Likewise, if anyone wants to Gift Aid their donation. This is an easy way to increase our parish income. Thank you for your on-going support.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

The diocese is recruiting for a Marriage and Family Life Worker to develop Catholic Marriage Preparation in the diocese. The closing date for applications is Monday 16th July 2018. For further details: www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or call 01604 714840.

BARN DANCE

Barn Dance this Friday in Christ the King Parish Hall, Harrowden Road at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 adults and £3 children. Bring your own food. Bar available. Prize for best dressed person. For more information call 965497.

THE IRISH REFERENDUM

'During the referendum campaign the Church sought to proclaim the Gospel of Life – that every human life is a precious gift from God – including the lives of all mothers and their unborn children. Choose life, we said. Every human life is beautiful, every human life is sacred, every human life is precious. This remains true after the referendum result. The right to life is not given to us by the Constitution of Ireland or by any law. All human beings have it 'as of right', whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick.

Like many others who advocated a NO vote in the referendum, I am deeply saddened that we appear to have obliterated the right to life of all unborn children from our constitution and this country is now on the brink of legislating for a liberal abortion regime. I am very concerned about the implications for society of interfering with the fundamental principle that the value of all human life is equal and that all human beings, born and unborn, have inherent worth and dignity. At a time when scientific and medical evidence is clearer than ever about the beginning of life, we have effectively decided that some human lives – in this case the lives of the unborn – are less significant and deserving of protection than others. We have elevated the right to personal choice above the fundamental right to life itself! It remains as important as ever to affirm the sanctity of all human life and that the direct and intentional taking of the life of any innocent human being is always gravely wrong. Sadly, in many countries of the world, the Church must proclaim this Gospel of Life in the context of abortion being widely available and where people are increasingly becoming desensitised to the value of every human life. To continue to proclaim this truth, in love, may sometimes seem like a 'mission impossible', but Pope Francis makes it clear in his Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate that this not optional for Catholics: "Our defence of the innocent unborn needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demanding of love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development." Archbishop Martin of Armagh.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1163.83

Our Lady's £160.49

Thank you.