

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

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**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR**
9th September 2018



HOLY HOUR

To coincide with the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool this weekend there is a Holy Hour today before the Blessed Sacrament at 4.00pm in St Joseph's. All welcome to spend time with the Lord in prayer and adoration.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Guild Room, prayer and praise before the Blessed Sacrament. All invited.

EVC CONCERT

There will be a Variety Concert in support of EVC Uganda set up to support Fr Boniface in his work for desperately poor children in his care. The concert will be on Saturday 22nd September in St Joseph's church at 7.30pm. Tickets on sale at £5 on the night or after the Sunday Masses. Come for a fun evening.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
	11.00am	Leon & Gertrude & Family
	6.30pm	Special Intentions (King Family)
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Requiem: Kathleen Covington
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Patrick & Mary Murphy, RIP
	10.45am	Sandy Bergstein, RIP
Wednesday	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	
	7:30am	Matt Murphy & Margaret Lennon
	10.45am	Patrick & Elizabeth McAuley, RIP
Thursday	<i>St John Chrysostom</i>	
	10.45am	Kathleen Boyle, RIP
Friday	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	
	10.45am	Alan Wright, RIP
Saturday	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	
	10.45am	Bridie & Nick Keisters, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	Felisa Lopez Albiar, RIP
Thursday	6.00pm	In Thanksgiving

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm.

CLEANING: Mukuze, Kahari, Ngoro Signora

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Lyn Bull

MASS IN KEYSOE

There will be a Mass celebrated in Keysoe Parish Church on Friday 14th September at 7.00pm, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. A relic of the true cross will be available for veneration.

FUNDRAISING MEETING

There is a parish fundraising meeting on Monday 10th September at 7.00pm in the Guild Room.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

The parents of children who wish to make their First Confession and Holy Communion next year are asked to collect a form from the sacristy after Mass. Your child should be in Year 3 or above. Completed forms must be returned by Sunday 30th September. The first meeting for the parents will be on Thursday 11th October at 7.15pm in the Guild Room.

PRO-LIFE VIGILS

The Government is considering creating buffer zones around abortion clinics and thereby preventing peaceful pro-life vigils from taking place outside such clinics. There are cards at the back of the church that you can use to post your objection, if you wish to do so, to the Home Secretary, filling in your name and address on the card.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

The price of the Universe and the Catholic Times newspapers is now £1.50 per copy. Please place money in the wall-box marked Papers.

THE ART OF SEEING & BELIEVING

This is the title of two talks organised by Belief Bedford to be held on Saturday 29th September, 10.00am – 1.00pm at St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton Road. Cost £10 per person payable on the day. All welcome.

VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP

A workshop to help recruit parish volunteers is open to all parish group leaders or their representative on Friday 19th October from 10.30am to 4.30pm in Holy Cross Church, Goldington Road, Bedford, led by Avril Baigent, diocesan Pastoral Ministry Adviser. To book a place contact the parish secretary on 353116 or holycrosschurch896@btconnect.com.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday at all Masses for the Home Missions, in aid of the work of evangelisation in this country.

LITTLE WAY HEALING MINISTRIES

Open healing day with Fr Laurence Brassill and Mrs Pauline Edwards and team on Saturday 15th September 10.45am – 4.30pm in St Joseph's church. Mass at 10.45am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions until 12.30pm. Lunch in Guild Room 12.30pm – 1.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Sharing in scripture, testimonies, laying on of hands and prayers for healing 1.30pm – 4.30pm. Web information: www.littlewayhealingministries.com. All welcome.

THE SHROUD OF TURIN

We are invited to a power-point presentation on the Shroud of Turin at All Saints Church, Westbourne Road, Queen's Park on Saturday September 8th at 7.00pm followed by a fish & chip supper at £4.00 per person. If you intend coming, please inform Michael Simmonds on 308395 or michaelsimmonds36@virginmedia.com before the event for catering purposes.

“YOUR GOD WILL BE MY GOD”

This is the title of a retreat based on the Book of Ruth for this year of Prayer & Vocation. It will be held at the Bridgettine Guesthouse, Fulmer Common Road, Iver Heath, Bucks SL0 0NR on Saturday 20th October from 10.30am to 4.00pm. Cost £30 per person. Includes lunch, tea and coffee. To book, please send a cheque payment for £30 made payable to R.E. Service, along with your name, phone number and email address to: Ruth Retreat at Iver Heath, NORES, RE Centre, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, Beds LU4 8JD. Tel: 01582 723312 or email: admin@nores.org.uk.

‘Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: He is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do.’

Pope Francis

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £

Our Lady's £

Thank you.