

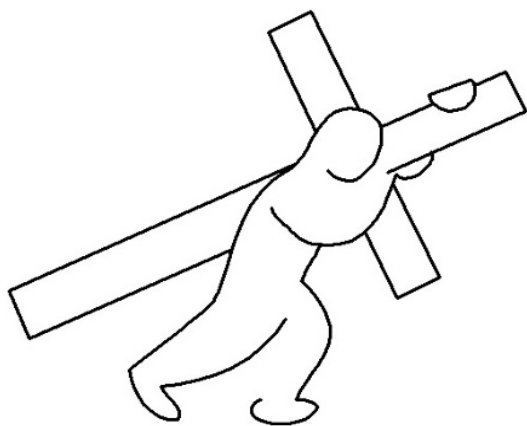
St Joseph's, Bedford & Our Lady's, Kempston

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**TWENTY FOURTH
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
16th September 2018



FATHER NATHANIEL

At last we have the good news of a new assistant priest arriving in the parish this Thursday in the form of Fr Nathaniel Onwuekwe from Nigeria. We welcome him as he takes up his duties with us in both parishes. This means that Mass in Our Lady's is restored to Sunday at 9.30am from next Sunday.

SVP AWARENESS

There will be an SVP Awareness Talk at all Masses next Sunday focusing on the work of the SVP and how we can help.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

A pilgrimage for the sanctity of human life on Sunday 7th October led by Archbishop Keven McDonald. Departing St Joseph's at 8.15am. Tickets £16 which includes entry to the Priory. Contact Mary Frost on 304014 to book a place. Pick up a leaflet from the back of the church for full details of the day.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Helen Haugh, RIP
	11.00am	Suzanne Lewis, RIP
	6.30pm	Aleyamma Ouseph, RIP
Monday	St Robert Bellarmine	
	10.45am	Raymond, Graham, Yvonne, Sandy Wareham
Tuesday	Feria	
	7.30am	Bernard & Teresa Murphy, RIP
	10.45am	Kathleen McMahon, RIP
Wednesday	Feria	
	7.30am	Vincent Murphy & Eddie Haughy
	10.45am	Rosamund Brannan, RIP
Thursday	Ss Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions	
	10.45am	James Foy, RIP
Friday	St Matthew	
	10.45am	Ann & Danny Family
Saturday	Votive Mass of Our Lady	
	10.45am	Annamma Joseph, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.30pm	Stephen Lawson, RIP
Thursday	6.00pm	Felisa Lopez Albiar, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Allen, Wakaba, Odell, Porpeni

FLOWERS: Margie Crow & Biji Bino

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: Raoul & Jo Bull

EVC CONCERT

Tickets are still available at £5 for the EVC Concert this Saturday at 7.30pm in St Joseph's church. Come along and give your support to this worthwhile cause in helping the work of Fr Boniface with poor children and families in his care.

SECOND COLLECTION

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

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.

PRAYERFUL SILENCE

Many people like to pray quietly before and after Mass, so it would be a good practise to try and keep the noise level down at these times and create a prayerful silence in church. Thank you.

PARISH FORUM

The Parish Forum meets this Friday at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. If anyone wants an item to be discussed, please let a member of the Forum know. Names of members are on the noticeboard.

NORES LECTURE

Sunday 14th October 4.00pm – 5.30pm on The Disciple's Call by Sister Elizabeth Mary and Sister Ewa Pliszczak at RE Centre 33 Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD. All welcome.

JUSTICE & PEACE CONFERENCE

We are invited to a conference on Modern Day Slavery and Trafficking on Saturday 13th October in St John's Parish Hall, 269 Sundon Park Road, Luton LU3 3AL, 10.30am – 1.30pm followed by a shared lunch. More details contact Stephen Forster on 01494 875485 or franforster2@gmail.com. See poster for more information.

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.

DAY OF REFLECTION

Fr Derek Laverty will be leading a Day of Reflection on Saturday 20th October from 10.00am to 3.30pm in SS Philip & James parish Room, Severn Way, Brickhill, Bedford. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks provided. All welcome. Please see noticeboard for full details.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

There is a half day course for those involved in the children's liturgy on Saturday 6th October from 10.30am to 1.00pm at the RE Centre, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD. Booking forms from the presbytery. Cost £5 per person.

REFLECTION DAY FOR READERS

Saturday 3rd November at the RE Centre, Luton at the above address from 10.00am to 12.30pm, looking at the gospel of St Luke. Cost £5. Booking forms from the presbytery.

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.

"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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1090.12

Our Lady's £375.38

Thank you.