

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

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**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR**
23rd September 2018



WELCOME

We welcome Fr Nathaniel from Nigeria to our parish as our new assistant priest. We keep him in prayer as he takes up his ministry among us.

SVP AWARENESS

There is an SVP Awareness Talk at all Masses today. Envelopes will be given out after Mass if you wish to contribute to a retiring collection next Sunday for the work of the SVP.

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.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Nestorio Cardines Asis, RIP
9.30am People of the Parish
11.00am Stephen Lawson, RIP
6.30pm Mary Orr

Monday **Our Lady of Walsingham**

10.45am Helen Haugh, RIP

Tuesday **Feria**

7.30am Bernice & Ken & Family
10.45am Special Intentions (King)

Wednesday **SS Cosmas & Damian**

7:30am Griffin Family
10.45am Jeremy & Family

Thursday **St Vincent de Paul**

10.45am Mary Cox

Friday **Feria**

10.45am Franc Rozman, RIP

Saturday **SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**

10.45am Mary Wright, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Kathleen Boyle, RIP

Thursday 6.00pm Peter Musselwhite, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord upholds my life.

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: Margie Crow & Biji Bino

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: Bimla & Natalie Mathew

PARISH BBQ

Our final fundraising event for Fr Boniface will be a barbecue next Sunday at 2.00pm in the grounds of Our Lady's church, Kempston. Tickets on sale this Sunday after all Masses at £5 for adults and £3 for children. Bring your own drinks. Our new parish project will be announced shortly.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

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

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 14th – 21st May 2019. Anyone interested in going please contact Mary Frost on 304014 soon so as to take advantage of cheaper flight if booked early i.e. before Christmas.

EVC UGANDA PRAYER GROUP

The EVC Uganda Prayer Group resumes this Wednesday at 8.30pm in Our Lady's church, Kempston. All warmly invited.

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 at 10.30am – 1.30pm, followed by a shared lunch. For more details contact Stephen Forster at franforster2@gmail.com or call 01494 875485.

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.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or call 0161 9413498.

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.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mike Tighe and Stephen Lawson. May they rest on the peace of the Lord. Stephen's funeral service will be this Friday at Holy Cross church, Goldington Road at 12 noon.

CATHOLIC BEDFORD

Visit: www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com for news and events in the Bedford Pastoral area.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory	St Joseph's £1186.80	Our Lady's £180.90	Thank you.
Home Missions	St Joseph's £338.18	Our Lady's £52.11	