

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2nd December 2018



PASTORAL LETTER

A Pastoral Letter from our Bishop will be read today at all Masses reflecting on the meaning of the season of Advent.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The next preparation class is this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This Saturday we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady who is the Principal Patron of our diocese. To mark the end of the Year of Prayer and Vocation we are invited to Mass in Northampton Cathedral at 11.30am on Saturday with the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Edward Adams as the Principal Celebrant. All welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection in St Joseph's next Sunday to buy flowers for the feast of Christmas.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Alexander Brannan, RIP
9.30am Larry Conroy, RIP
11.00am Pat Barker, RIP
6.30pm Mary Kilby, RIP

Monday *St Francis Xavier*

10.45am Dennis Gilbert, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

7.30am Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP

10.45am Eileen & Harold Harlow, RIP

Wednesday *St Birinus*

7:30am Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP

10.45am Requiem: Katherine Molloy

Thursday *St Nicholas*

10.45am Evelyn Foy, RIP

Friday *St Ambrose*

10.45am Elsie Petts, RIP

Saturday *The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady*

10.45am Joseph Augustine, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am People of the Parish

Thursday 6.00pm Chris Beardsell, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Mukuze, Kahari, Ndoro, Signora

FLOWERS: No flowers

NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Advent

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Lyn Bull

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Children's Christmas Party in Our Lady's church, Kempston, next Sunday 9th December from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. Parents please sign list in the porch of Our Lady's church if your child wishes to attend.

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a short healing service next Sunday after the 6.30pm Mass.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

Divine Mercy Retreat on Sunday 9th December in St Joseph's from 2.00pm to 5.30pm. This will be an afternoon of devotions, prayer, talks, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine mercy and Mass at 4.00pm. The afternoon will be led by the Marian Fathers. All are invited. Refreshments afterwards.

RED MISSION BOXES

Please hand in your Red Mission collection boxes to be counted for 2018. If you have Gift Aided your donation, please be sure that your name is on the bottom of the box. Every £1 makes an extra 25p. Please take a new box home with you. Thank you for your continuing support.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Tickets for our Christmas Draw in aid of our parish project are now available after the Masses today at £2.50 a book. **Donations of prizes for the Draw gratefully received.**

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 14th – 21st May 2019. Anyone interested in going please contact Mary Frost on 304014 as soon as possible.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA DATE CHANGE

Change of date for the Fatima pilgrimage in September next year. It will now be from 11th to 15th September 2019 and will cost £580 flying from Heathrow Airport to which you will need to make your own way. Single room supplement £90 per person. Those who have expressed an interest in going, booking forms will be available shortly.

ROSARY LINK

Mass with Rosary and Benediction this Friday in SS Philip & James church to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All invited.

PARISH DIARIES

Free parish diaries available at the back of church.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The feast day Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe is on Wednesday 12th December in St Joseph's at 7.30pm. The principal celebrant will be His Excellency the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Edward Adams, along with Bishop Peter Doyle. There will be a reception after the Mass in the Italian Church Hall, Woburn Road. All are welcome. Full details: www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk

HELP NEEDED

Help is needed for about an hour to prepare and clean St Joseph's church on Tuesday 11th December after the 10.45am Mass for the Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe the following day. If you are able to help just turn up on the day. Thank you.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND

Northampton Diocese will be hosting a weekend for those men considering a vocation to the priesthood. This will be held at Northampton Cathedral from Friday 14th December to Sunday 16th December. If you are interested please contact the Cathedral office on 01604 714556 or see Canon Seamus.

CATHOLIC BASICS

Want to know more about your faith? Join us at the RE Centre, Luton for a basic introduction to the Catholic faith in four parts: God, The Church, The Moral Life, Prayer. Cost: £25 per person per day (£10 for the unwaged). Price includes a full lunch. Part 1 starts on Thursday 31st January 2019, 10am – 3.00pm (arr. 9.30am for refreshments) at the RE Centre, Holy Ghost Parish, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD. To book contact admin@nores.org.uk or phone Jackie on 01582 723312. Please see poster for full details.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Katherine Molloy and Cosimo Ancora. May they rest in the peace of Christ. We also keep in prayer those who mourn them. Katherine's funeral Mass will be on Wednesday 5th December at 10.45am and Cosimo's funeral on Monday 10th December at 10.45am.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1203.48

Our Lady's £329.98

Thank you.