

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9th December 2018

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am People of the Parish
9.30am In Thanksgiving
11.00am Nicolas Robles, RIP
6.30pm Rita & Family

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Requiem: Cosimo Ancora

Tuesday *Feria*

7.30am Mary Fanning, RIP

10.45am Mary, Ciro & Luigi Guerriero, RIP

Wednesday *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

7.30am Noreen Moran

10.45am Celia Goodstadt, RIP

7.30pm Private Intention

Thursday *St Lucy*

10.45am Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP

Friday *St John of the Cross*

10.45am Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP

Saturday *Feria*

10.45am Margaret Redpath, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Edmond Connolly, RIP

Thursday 6.00pm Maureen McCormack, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

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, Wa-Kimai

FLOWERS: No flowers

NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Advent

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: Edward & Geraldine Byrne

THANKS

The Mulled Wine evening last Saturday raised £200 on the night with a further £100 donated for the evening. Thanks to Derek and Anna Ruff for opening their home for this fundraising event in aid of our parish project and to all who supported it and all who supplied the tasty refreshments.



FIRST CONFESSIONS

The children preparing for their First Confession are reminded that this sacrament will be celebrated this Friday at 6pm in St Joseph's church.

SECOND COLLECTION

There is a second collection today in St Joseph's to buy flowers for the feast of Christmas.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Those who have expressed an interest in the parish pilgrimage to Fatima from 11th to 15th September 2019 are asked to pick up a booking form from Canon Seamus to be filled out with a deposit of £200 due this month. If anyone else is interested in going then please inform Canon Seamus as soon as possible.

HEALING SERVICE

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our annual Christmas Concert is on Friday 21st December at 7.30pm in the Guild Room at St Joseph's church. Enjoy a pre-Christmas jolly of light entertainment and refreshments. Tickets on sale after all Masses today at £5 Adults and £2 Children. All proceeds in aid of our parish project.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

Divine Mercy Retreat today 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.

SHALOM ADVENT SERVICE

An ecumenical Advent Service today at Queen's Park Free Church (Moravian) at 4pm. All welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Children's Christmas Party in Our Lady's church, Kempston, next Sunday 16th 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.

RED MISSION BOXES

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

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a Penitential Service with individual Confessions on Wednesday 19th December at 7.00pm in St Joseph's.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cosimo Ancora. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The feast day Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe this Wednesday 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. The church will be closed after the 10.45am Mass on Wednesday to prepare the church for the evening Mass.

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.

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. Draw to take place on Sunday 16th December. **Donations of prizes 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.

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 email admin@nores.org.uk or phone Jackie on 01582 723312. Please see poster for full details.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1200.72

Our Lady's £259.61

Thank you.