

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

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## THE HOLY FAMILY

30<sup>th</sup> December 2018



### THANKS

Many thanks to all who sent cards and gifts and for your generous Christmas offering. Thanks to our parish musicians, singers, altar servers, flower arrangers, church cleaners and those who set up the Crib and trees in both churches. And thanks to all who have assisted in the life of the parish in so many ways this past year.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Further thanks to all who participated in the Christmas Concert which was a real fun evening and which raised £380 for our parish project. Thanks to all our entertainers and all who came along on the night making it such a jolly occasion! We are taking bookings for next year's extravaganza!

### RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

Today, at all Masses, married couples are invited to renew their marriage vows.

### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am People of the Parish  
9.30am Francie Monaghan, RIP  
11.00am Kaziow Family  
6.30pm Fulton & Devlin Families, RIP

### Monday *Christmas Octave*

10.45am John Petts

### Tuesday *Mary, Mother of God*

7.30am Michael Kinsella, RIP

10.45am Jean Petts

### Wednesday *SS basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*

7.30am Edward de Wilde, RIP

10.45am Linda Richardson, RIP

### Thursday *The Holy Name of Jesus*

10.45am Maurice Walsh

### Friday *Feria*

10.45am Francis Fomenky

### Saturday *Feria*

10.45am Dennis Gilbert, RIP

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Lino Perla, RIP

Thursday 6.00pm Robert & Anna Maria Wright

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!**

**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

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Redmond

**NEXT SUNDAY: Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 4

**Children's Liturgy:** None until January

### CRIB OFFERING

Money placed in the Crib Offering box is in aid of our parish project: Mary's Meals and Bedford Daycare Hospice.

### FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for peace in our world, in our hearts and in our families.

## PASTORAL LETTER

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Peter will be read at all Masses today, the feast of The Holy Family.

## CHRISTMAS DRAW

Thanks to all who bought tickets for the Christmas Draw and all who donated prizes. A total of £875.30 was raised from the draw for our parish project. The list of prize winners is on the noticeboard in the porch and prizes can be collected from the presbytery at St Joseph's and from Our Lady's, Kempston.

## SURPLUS GIFT SALE

We will be holding a Surplus Gift Sale in aid of our parish project on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January after all Masses in the Guild Room and in the porch of Our Lady's, Kempston. Gifts can be handed into the presbytery or Our Lady's church.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) or phone Jackie on 01582 723312. Please see poster for full details.

### Jesus the Light

*“Jesus has given us a light which shines in the darkness. Defend it; protect it. That single light is the greatest treasure entrusted to your life. And above all, dream! Do not be afraid to dream. Dream of a world which cannot yet be seen, but which will surely arrive.”*

Pope Francis

## ADOREMUS PRAYER GROUP

The Adoremus Prayer Group will be meeting this Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Guild Room to spend an hour in prayer before Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Music, song, scripture, reflection and intercessory prayer. All are most welcome to come along and pray, especially as we enter upon a New Year for God's blessing, guidance and peace.

## RED MISSION BOXES

Thanks to all who contribute to the missions via the Red Mission Boxes. A total of £1279.65 has been raised this past year for the missions from both parishes. Thank you for your on-going support for this vital work of the Church. An appeal for new members will be made at all Masses on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

## PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

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

## PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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

## REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Susan Clancy, Ann McAneney, Eileen Hall and Sr Ann. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

*Canon Seamus and Fr Nathaniel wish you a happy and peaceful New Year.*

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>St Joseph's £1092.48</b>	<b>Our Lady's £322.92</b>	<b>Thank you.</b>
<b>Christmas Offering</b>	<b>St Joseph's £2779.30</b>	<b>Our Lady's £580.97</b>	