

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

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD 13th January 2019



SURPLUS GIFT SALE

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

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

There is a second collection today at all Masses for the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). The Society is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please take a card from the porch, filling in your details, asking the Prime Minister not to give parliamentary time to decriminalising abortion, and post the card to SPUC. The Society will then deliver this card to the Prime Minister.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Albert Herbert
	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Mrs Flood
	6.30pm	Eily Cusack, RIP
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Fr Nathaniel
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Jason Myles, RIP
	10.45am	Katherine Molloy, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Mary & John Cullinan, RIP
	10.45am	Anne Angenio
Thursday	<i>St Anthony</i>	
	10.45am	Terezija Dernulc, RIP
Friday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Robert Morrison, RIP
Saturday	<i>Votive Mass of Our Lady</i>	
	10.45am	Luigi, Ciro & Mary Guerriero, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	Juliana Forbin, RIP
Thursday	6.00pm	Johanna Dalton, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Mukuze, Kahari, Nodoro, Signora

FLOWERS: Mrs Kavanagh

NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: Jo & Raoul Bull

CRIB OFFERING

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

CATHOLIC BEDFORD

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

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.

WEEK OF PRAYER CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this Friday. Details of Unity Services in Bedford can be found on the noticeboard in the porch. All are most welcome to join in prayer with fellow Christians for this important intention. The final day of prayer will be in Christ the King Church, Harrowden Road on Friday 25th January at 12.30pm.

CATHOLIC INTERNSHIP SCHEME

The Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Scheme is recruiting at least six recently graduated Catholics to learn from as intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. The scheme will run from September 2019 until July 2020. Internship positions are given with Christian MPs and Peers in Parliament, the Catholic Education service, CAFOD and Caritas Social Action Network. All interns also gain from retreats and spiritual guidance as well as living in a vibrant Catholic community in the centre of London. During the year, as part of their formation, interns will study for a Postgraduate Certificate in Catholic Social Teaching from St Mary's University, Twickenham. Further information can be found at www.faithinpolitics.org.uk. Applications are open and the closing date is 28th February. Applications should be made through the website.

Please direct any questions to stephanie.macgillivray@cbcew.org.uk or visit @faithinpolitics on Facebook or @catholicinterns on Twitter for more information.

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 now due.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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

LUX.GOLD

This is a fun residential weekend for young Catholics aged 11 – 18 years from 1st to 3rd February at the Kings Park Conference Centre, Northampton and costs £100, which includes accommodation and all meals. Please contact Fiona on 01582 720627 or email fiona@nymo.org for more information.

PARISH QUIZ

Date for your diary: Parish Quiz in aid of our parish project on Friday 1st February at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. Tickets on sale at £3 shortly.

QUIZ NIGHT CHRIST THE KING PARISH

Christ the King Parish is holding a Quiz Night on Friday 25th January at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, including a Fish & Chip Supper. Admission £7.50. Tickets from Rachel Kirkham on 314093. All proceeds Christ the King Church Funds.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Frances McFadden, Bridie Boyd, Arthur Hoggard and Susan Clancy. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

'Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open wide the door to Christ and you will find true life.'

Pope Benedict XVI

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1084.57

Our Lady's £356.75

Thank you.