

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

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**THIRD SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR**
27th January 2019



APF MISSION APPEAL

Today we have an APF-Mill Hill Mission Appeal at all Masses with Fr Vincent Oates speaking in St Joseph's and Mrs Eileen Tompkins in Our Lady's and also St Joseph's at the evening Mass to thank us for our support for the missions through the Red Boxes and to appeal for more members to donate in this way to aid the missionary work of the Church. There is no second collection.

PARISH QUIZ

Parish Quiz in aid of our parish project on Friday 1st February at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. Tickets on sale today after all Masses at £3. Light refreshments provided. Bring your own drinks. Come and exercise those little grey cells.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

The 2019 Diocesan Directory is now on sale at the back of the church at £3.80 per copy. Please place money in the wall-box marked 'books'.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am People of the Parish
9.30am Gus Orr, RIP
11.00am Priests & Religious, RIP
6.30pm Terezija Dernulc, RIP

Monday **St Thomas Aquinas**
10.45am Len Parren, RIP

Tuesday **Feria**
7.30am Peace in Zimbabwe
10.45am Michael Smith, RIP

Wednesday **Feria**
7.30am In Thanksgiving (King Family)
10.45am Jan Zielinski, RIP

Thursday **St John Bosco**
10.45am Franc Rozman, RIP

Friday **Feria**
10.45am Lilianne Simmonds

Saturday **Presentation of the Lord**
10.45am Maurice & Josie Walsh & Family

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Bridie Boyd, RIP
Thursday 6.00pm Steven O'Connor

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are 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

FLOWERS: Mrs Crow

NEXT SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Michael Simmonds

CRIB OFFERING

An additional £33.10 from Our Lady's, Kempston has been added to the Crib offering making a total of £272.21 for our parish project. Many thanks.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for peace in our world as requested by Our Lady.

FUNERAL MASSES

Bridie Boyd's funeral Mass will be on Monday 4th February at 12 noon in St Mary's Church, Aspley Hill, Woburn Sands MK17 8NN.

Arthur Hoggard's funeral Mass will be on Wednesday 6th February at 1.30pm in Our Lady's Church, Kempston. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

CAFOD SUPPORTERS EVENT

Hear about some of the hardest to reach, most vulnerable communities in the world and how your support is helping them to overcome poverty on Saturday 23rd February from 10.15am to 2.30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians, West Street Olney MK46 5HJ. Shared lunch at 1.30pm. Book a place on 01494 863777 or northampton@cafod.org.uk.

CATHOLIC INTERNSHIP SCHEME

The Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Scheme is recruiting at least six recently graduated Catholics to learn from an 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.

APPRECIATION

With gratitude to all parishioners for your prayers, loving care and support during Sister Ann's illness. The Memorial Mass and Funeral Mass were fitting celebrations of farewell for Sister Ann. Thank you and may God bless you all. The Sisters.

SURPLUS GIFT SALE

The Surplus Gift Sale continues today in the porch of Our Lady's, Kempston. Do have a browse after Mass. Thanks to all who donated gifts for the Sale. We will have a final total from the sale next Sunday.

DOWRY OF MARY TOUR

England was once known as the Dowry of Mary because of its great devotion to Our Lady before the Reformation. This country is to be rededicated as the Dowry of Mary in May 2020. By way of preparation for this, the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be touring the cathedrals of England and it will be in our cathedral in Northampton from 7th to 9th February. We are encouraged to visit the cathedral on any of these dates and a full schedule of events for each day is now on display on the noticeboard. Northampton Cathedral, Kingsthorpe Road, NN2 6AG. For more information visit www.dowrytour.org.uk.

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.

CATHOLIC BEDFORD

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1168.19

Our Lady's £314.30

Thank you.