

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

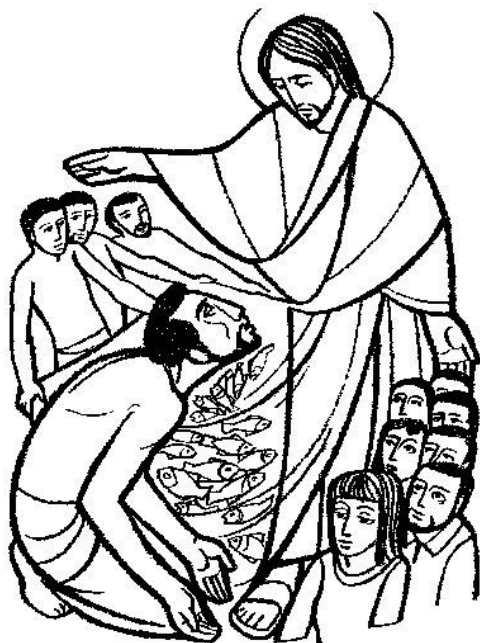
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

10th February 2019



Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Betty Murphy, RIP
9.30am Thomas Family, RIP
11.00am Georgina Mee
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday **Our Lady of Lourdes**
10.45am Private Intention

Tuesday **Feria**
7.30am Canon Seamus Keenan
10.45am Denis Cox, RIP

Wednesday **Feria**
7.30am Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP
10.45am James Broderick

Thursday **SS Cyril & Methodius**
10.45am Provost John Priestly Warmoll, RIP

Friday **Feria**
10.45am Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP

Saturday **Votive Mass of Our Lady**
10.45am Joe Foy & Joe Quirke

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Patrick O'Connor, RIP
Thursday 6.00pm Sandra Tegha (Thanksgiving)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be a service of the Anointing of the Sick for those who wish to receive this sacrament this afternoon at 3.30pm in St Joseph's church.

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a short healing service after the 6.30pm Mass today to pray for personal healing and for those we wish to pray for.

PARISH QUIZ

Thanks to all who supported the Parish Quiz last Friday. We were small in number but managed to raise £103 for our parish project. So far we have raised £2652.31. Thank you for your continued support.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

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: Mrs Price

NEXT SUNDAY: Six Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: Lyn Bull

CHURCH CLEANING

More volunteers are needed in St Joseph's to help clean the church usually on a Friday morning after the 10.45am Mass. This will be on a rota basis. Please let Canon Seamus know if you would like to volunteer.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Fr Malcolm Bull has relinquished the position of Hospital Chaplain at Bedford Hospital and Fr Nathaniel is now Chaplain. Please refer anyone who needs a visit to us at St Joseph's. Fr Nathaniel will visit the hospital each Friday, beginning with Mass in the hospital chapel at 12.15pm.

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.

SAFE AT SCHOOL

In September 2020 three new compulsory subjects will come into force in schools in England: Relationships Education (RelEd), Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), and Health Education in all schools. All schools includes academies, faith, independent and free schools. Parents will not be allowed to withdraw their children from Relationships Education or Health Education. After September 2020 parents can still withdraw their children from sex education in primary school. However, in secondary schools, parents will have to ask the permission of the headteacher to withdraw their children from sex education. These new subjects mean that it is the Government who will decide what children should learn about marriage, family, personal relationships and social values. This is of particular concern for Catholic schools as Government understanding of these matters often follow a secular line that precludes gospel and Church teaching and amounts to state interference in family life. Parents will be forced into second place when imparting their beliefs and values on these important matters to their children. If you are concerned about this new policy, then please pick up a postcard from the back of the church and send to the address printed, filling in your details.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Those who have expressed an interest in the parish pilgrimage to Fatima from 11th – 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.

REQIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosaline Kiernan. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1216.75

Our Lady's £320.62

Thank you.