

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

17th February 2019



Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Elizabeth Family, RIP
	11.00am	Douglas Klein, RIP
	6.30pm	Katherine Molloy, RIP
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Maureen & Geoff Etherington, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Fr Paul Chervaise
	10.45am	Peggy Clerkin, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Maggie Joselyn & Family
	10.45am	James Foy, RIP
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Myles & Daisy McCann
Friday	<i>Chair of St Peter</i>	
	10.45am	Mr & Mrs Sean O'Brien
Saturday	<i>St Polycarp</i>	
	10.45am	Bridie Hynes

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	Arthur Hoggard, RIP
Thursday	6.00pm	George Wilson, RIP

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

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Those children preparing for their First Holy Communion are reminded that their next class is this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room.

SOUP LUNCH

Thanks to all who came along to the Soup Lunch last Saturday. A special thanks to Suzanne Moloney who prepared the lunch and to Mary Frost for assisting. A sum of £150 was raised for our parish project.

HOMEMADE CAKE SALE

There will be a Homemade Cake Sale on Sunday 3rd March after all Masses in the Guild Room and in the church porch in Our Lady's in aid of our parish project. Cakes can be left at the presbytery or Our Lady's church. Ready, steady, bake!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

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, Bahoum

FLOWERS: Mrs Bino

NEXT SUNDAY: Seventh Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: Edward & Geraldine Byrne

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.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Rosaline Kiernan's funeral Mass will be this Wednesday at 1.00pm in St Joseph's church.

ST FRANCIS GROUP

In his recent Encyclical 'Laudato Si' Pope Francis reminds us that the Church requires us to treat creatures with respect and kindness, and that, to quote him directly, "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience". A local group is proposed to examine the message of Laudato Si. If interested please contact Virginia Bell at vrbell@yahoo.co.uk

CAFOD SUPPORTERS EVENT

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 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.

SAFE AT SCHOOL

In September 2020 three new compulsory subjects will come into force in schools in England: Relationships Education (ReEd), 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 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 £1048.20

Our Lady's £342.33

Thank you.