

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

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR**
24th February 2019



Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Katherine Molloy, RIP
9.30am Lilianne Simmonds
11.00am Pat, Christine & Family
6.30pm Frances McFadden, RIP

Monday *Feria*
10.45am Frances McFadden, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*
7.30am Lilianne Simmonds
10.45am McGregor Family

Wednesday *Feria*
7.30am Jennifer Podesta
10.45am Brigid King's Intention

Thursday *Feria*
10.45am Michael Smith, RIP

Friday *St David*
10.45am Maureen Brewer

Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*
10.45am Mary Paul, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Rosemary Woollen, RIP
Thursday 6.00pm Maureen McCormick, RIP

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

VOCATIONS WEEKEND

The Northampton diocese will be hosting a weekend for those men considering the vocation of the priesthood. This will be held at the Cathedral from Friday 22nd March to Sunday 24th March. If you are interested please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556.

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 during the week. Ready, steady, bake!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is compassion and love.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Mukuze, Kahari, Ndoro, Signora

FLOWERS: Mrs Bino

NEXT SUNDAY: Eighth Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Lyn Bull

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

This Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for peace in our world.

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.

JUST 10

This the title of a series of DVDs on the Ten Commandments which will be shown in Our Lady's, Kempston on Tuesday evenings during Lent, beginning on 12th March at 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Please see poster on the noticeboard for full details.

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 vrbell18@yahoo.co.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.

"Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you, for all things pass save God who does not change. Be patient and at last you shall find all fulfilment. Hold God, and nothing will fail you, for He alone is all."

St Teresa of Avila

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.

Prayer for Mary's meals

Our Father give us this day our daily bread and forgive us for the times when we take more than our share of the bread that belongs to all. Let us help You fill the starving with good things, not with scraps from our table. Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep. Clothe us with Your love that we may complete each good work You created us to do. Place in our hearts Your compassion for each starving child and use our little acts of love so that they starve no more. Amen.

Thank you for your support for this, one of our two charities we are sponsoring this year.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1036.24

Our Lady's £227.22

Thank you.