

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

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**EIGHTH SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR**
3rd March 2019



Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Peggy Herbert
	9.30am	Christy McCarthy
	11.00am	Melanie Lewis, RIP
	6.30pm	Raymond Kahn, RIP
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Eric Formenky, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP
	10.45am	Mary Wright, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
	7.30am	Mr & Mrs John McMahan
	10.45am	Evelyn Foy, RIP
	7.30pm	Lee Family
Thursday	<i>SS Perpetua & Felicity</i>	
	10.45am	Michaela Fornizaric
Friday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Mary Grady & Joyce Grady, RIP
Saturday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	Ernest Clarke, RIP
Wednesday	7.30pm	Arthur Hoggard, RIP
Thursday	6.00pm	Jim Levingstone, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

It is good to give you thanks, 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, Wa-Kimai, Odell, Tracy

FLOWERS: No flowers

NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday of Lent

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: Lyn Bull

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross every Sunday during Lent beginning next Sunday at 4.00pm in St Joseph's and Our Lady's. Please try to attend as part of our Lenten practice. In this prayerful devotion we meditate on the passion and death of Christ.

ASH WEDNESDAY

We begin the holy season of Lent this Wednesday with the blessing and distribution of ashes at all Masses. Lent affords us the opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord and seek reconciliation in the sacrament of Confession. This season also reminds us of the constant need to renew and nourish our spiritual lives through prayer, self-denial and works of charity in a more intense way. Spiritual spring cleaning! Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

HOMEMADE CAKE SALE

Before the rigors of Lent begin, we have a chance to indulge ourselves with a sale of cakes after each Mass today in the Guild Room of St Joseph's and the porch in Our Lady's. All proceeds in aid of our parish project.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The next preparation class is this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room. Full attendance, please.

FUTURE PLANNING

New initiatives? Celebrations? Resource sharing? Mass-time changes? Do you have ideas about how Catholic mission in Bedford can grow? Bishop Peter is aware of the heavy workload on our priests and asked us all to work together to plan for the future. You are invited to write your ideas briefly and post them in the Suggestion Box at the back of the church, which will be passed to the Bedford Pastoral Area Council. The Council is currently working on a proposal about where to go from here, balancing increasing demands on our priests with the spiritual needs of our town's Catholic community. We are very grateful for your contributions – they are very important in this discussion. Suggestion Boxes will be available until Sunday 17th March.

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.

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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.

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.

PASTORAL LETTER

A Pastoral Letter from our bishop will be read at all Masses today on the season of Lent.

CAFOD TALK

A brief talk on the work of CAFOD will be given next Sunday at all Masses in preparation for the second collection to be taken on Sunday 17th March. Envelopes will be given out for this purpose.

ADOREMUS PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting of the parish Adoremus Prayer Group will be on Wednesday 13th March at 8.00pm in the Guild Room. All welcome.

SVP LENTEN RETREAT

The Society of St Vincent de Paul invites all parishioners to its Lenten Retreat on Saturday 23rd March at Holy Cross Church, Goldington Road. The retreat will start at 2.00pm with Stations of the Cross, tea or coffee, Anointing of the Sick, quiet reflection and Vigil Mass at 4.00pm. Refreshments after Mass. All welcome.

PARISH FORUM

The next meeting of the Parish Forum is on Friday 15th March at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. Any parish matters that need to be discussed, please inform one of the Forum members. Names are listed on the noticeboard.

CATHOLIC BASICS

Part two of this introduction to the Catholic faith is on Thursday 11th April from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Parish Centre, Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD. Subject is The Church. Cost £25 per person or £10 for the unwaged. Booking form from the presbytery or admin@nores.org.uk. See poster on noticeboard for further details.

THANK YOU

A word of thanks for all your prayers and good wishes after my recent surgery. Making progress! Canon Seamus.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1149.55

Our Lady's £330.63

Thank you.