

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

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**FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT**
10th March 2019



"MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE."

CAFOD TALK

A brief talk on the work of CAFOD will be given at all Masses today in preparation for the second collection to be taken on Sunday 17th March. Envelopes will be given out for this purpose. Please Gift Aid your donations, if you are able, by providing your details on the envelope.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCH

We are invited to a Lenten Soup Lunch this Friday in Our Lady's Meeting Room, Kempston at 12.30pm. Donations in aid of the work of CAFOD.

HOMEMADE CAKE SALE

Thanks to all who donated a great variety of delicious homemade cakes for the sale last Sunday and all who bought on the day. We raised £272.50 from St Joseph's and £50 from Our Lady's. All proceeds in aid of our parish project.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Betty McGovern, RIP
	11.00am	Eric Formenky, RIP
	6.30pm	Kevin Atkins, RIP
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Dennis Gilbert, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Jennifer Podesta
	10.45am	Margita Gajdosova, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	John Cannell, RIP
	10.45am	Tony Byrne, RIP
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Ellen Logue, RIP
Friday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Sadie Donaghy, RIP
Saturday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Rosaline Kiernan, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	Bridie Boyd, RIP
Thursday	6.00pm	Bridie Boyd, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

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: No flowers

NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Lent

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: Jo & Raoul Bull

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross today at 4.00pm and every Sunday during Lent 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.

IRISH NIGHT

Saturday 16th March in Christ the King Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets from Sue Anstead on 965497. Please see poster.

ADOREMUS PRAYER GROUP

The Adoremus Prayer Group will be meeting this Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Guild Room with prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, music, songs, scripture reading, reflection and shared prayer. All are welcome to this time of prayer together.

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.

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 the noticeboard for full details.

LENTEN TALKS

Five services in Lent celebrating songs of our Christian faith on the Wednesdays of Lent from 13th March to 10th April, 1.10pm-2.00pm at Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street, Bedford. All are welcome. See poster on noticeboard.

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.

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

Bishop Peter invites all married couples to the Diocesan Mass for Married Life at St Mary's Catholic Church, Aspley Hill, Woburn Sands MK17 8NN on Saturday 6th April, at 12noon. If you wish to attend, please contact Eamon & Paola McMorro on 07412 151517 or email mfl@northamptondiocese.com. Please see poster on the noticeboard.

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.

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.

40 PENCE FOR 40 DAYS

Bedford foodbank is asking us to take part in a 40 for 40 challenge this Lent. By giving 40p a day for the 40 days of Lent we can raise enough to help support a local family in crisis this Easter. So just find an old jam jar or similar container and start collecting! Then hand the money saved into the presbytery or church at the end of Lent when it will be brought to the foodbank.

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1125.20

Our Lady's £324.55

Thank you.