

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

17th March 2019



CAFOD SECOND COLLECTION

Second collection today at all Masses for the work of CAFOD. Please use the envelopes provided and fill in the Gift Aid slip if you are a tax payer so that the tax may be reclaimed by CAFOD. Thank you.

HOLY HOUR

The Bedford Pastoral Area invites us to Holy Hour this afternoon at 4.00pm at Holy Cross Church, Goldington Road to pray for our young people. Please see poster on the noticeboard for full details.

PARISH QUIZ

Next fundraising event for our parish project is a Parish Quiz on Friday 22nd March at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. Tickets on sale today after Mass at £3. Do come along for an enjoyable evening. There's not much on the telly!

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Sister Anne Tighe, RIP
	9.30am	Patrick Summers, RIP
	11.00am	Angela Wilson, RIP
	6.30pm	Joan Bradley, RIP
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Ester Cooney, RIP
Tuesday	<i>St Joseph</i>	
	7.30am	Patrick Cusack, RIP
	10.45am	Anna Marie Keeshan, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Bridget Boyd, RIP
	10.45am	James Foy, RIP
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Fr John Glen, RIP
Friday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Joan Martin, RIP
Saturday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Owen & Rose Kimmins, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	People of the Parish
Thursday	6.00pm	Ellen Logue, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my help.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Mukuze, Kahari, Ngoro, Signora

FLOWERS: No flowers.

NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Lent

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: Michael Simmonds

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.

MASS IN KEYSOE

Mass will be celebrated in St Mary the Virgin Church, Keysoe on Friday 29th March at 7.00pm. All welcome.

MUSICAL CONCERT

The Kempston Musical Society along with the Ouse Valley Singers will be performing *Stainer's Crucifixion* in St Joseph's church on Saturday 6th April at 7.00pm in aid of our parish project. Programmes sold on the door at £6. Come along and enjoy this musical event as we approach Holy Week.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will be on Saturday 8th June with a coach leaving from Bedford. If interested, please contact Mary Frost on 304014 or 07708264054.

JUST 10

This the title of a series of DVDs on the Ten Commandments which are being shown in Our Lady's, Kempston on Tuesday evenings during Lent from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Please see the noticeboard for full details.

LENTEN TALKS

Services in Lent celebrating songs of our Christian faith on the Wednesdays of Lent from 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 Eamonn & Paola McMorrow on 07412 151517 or email mfl@northamptondiocese.com

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.

DAY OF REFLECTION

A Day of Reflection for Catholic Women on holiness in everyday life led by Sister Kate Stogdon on Saturday 6th April 11am-3pm in Our Lady of Grace Squirrel Lane, High Wycombe HP12 4RY. Please bring a packed lunch. Contact Maura Potter on 01628 666278.

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 £1261.02

Our Lady's £219.51

Thank you.