

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

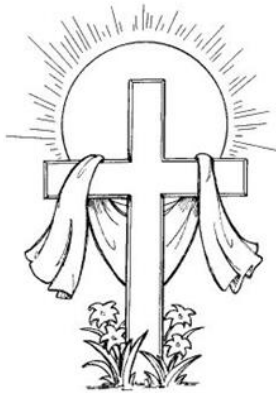
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EASTER SUNDAY

21st April 2019



Christ Has Risen! Alleluia!

EASTER

Today is the greatest feast in the life of the Church. With thanksgiving and joy and renewed hope we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. We share in that victory and with him we will rise to everlasting life. Christ's resurrection gives meaning and direction to our earthly existence. We are made for life and future glory! It is this Easter faith that we possess which helps us experience, even now, something of the future life that awaits us in heaven. "Behold, I make all things new!" is the promise of the risen Christ. We are made new in him and gives us the courage to live the gift of life and the gift of faith to the full with a joyful hope. So we take heart and rejoice on this day made by the Lord.

THANKS

Thanks to all who helped with the Holy Week and Easter celebrations: musicians and singers, readers and ministers, altar servers, flower arrangers and church cleaners. Thank you also for the many Easter greetings received.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Bud Flanagan
9.30am Linda Richardson, RIP
11.00am James Foy, RIP
6.30pm Fulton & Devlin Families, RIP

Monday *Easter Octave*

10.45am John Crow, RIP

Tuesday *Easter Octave*

7.30am Anne Simmonds

10.45am Eugene Smith, RIP

Wednesday *Easter Octave*

7.30am Alison Campion

10.45am Rose French

Thursday *Easter Octave*

10.45am Denis Cox, RIP

Friday *Easter Octave*

10.45am Josephine Gleeson

Saturday *Easter Octave*

10.45am Patrick Condon, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Christine & Eric McNaughton, RIP

Thursday 6.00pm Mary Wright, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm.

CLEANING: Cummings, Petts, Tracy, George.

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond.

NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Raoul & Jo Bull

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the feast of Divine Mercy when we recall and celebrate the great mercy of God revealed in Christ. There will be an afternoon of prayer and devotion in St Joseph's starting at 2.45pm with the blessing of the Divine Mercy image followed by the 3 O'clock prayer, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Consecration Prayer. Confessions will be available afterwards. All are invited to this time of prayer

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The next preparation class for those children celebrating their First Holy Communion this summer is this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL EVENING

An International Social Evening in aid of our parish project will be held in the Italian Church Hall, Woburn Road, on Friday 10th May at 7.30pm. All the different ethnic groups in our two parishes are invited to bring some of their dishes, hot or cold, for a buffet style meal. We will also have music from the different countries represented whilst we taste and share the different dishes. The entrance fee for the evening is £5 per person. Put the date in your diary and come and join the fun!

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LESSONS

English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) free classes will be starting in the Guild Room at St Joseph's church for six weeks every Saturday from 27th April to 1st June, 4.00pm until 5.30pm. If interested, please contact Bimla on 07792 828090.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

Parish pilgrimage to Fatima from 11th to 15th September 2019 costing £580 sharing, flying from Heathrow. Single room supplement £90 per person. Booking forms from the presbytery.

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 07708 264054.

EASTER CHICK COMPETITION

The Easter chick competition will close at 11am Mass today. Place names and numbers in the marked box at the back of the church. Big chocolate bunny for the first correct answer; smaller bunnies for all who entered the competition.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Bridie Morrisroe and Michael Day. Rest in peace.

INDIAN MEAL EVENING

Another Indian meal evening will be held at Indiya Restaurant, Broadway, Bedford on Thursday 9th May at 7.00pm in aid of our parish project. The cost will be £15 per person of which the restaurant will give £2 for every diner attending. The menu will be principally Indian but for non-curry eaters there will be available a main course dish of fried chicken with chips, peas and tomatoes. A list is available at the back of the church on which to write your name, number of persons attending and your phone number.

CHARITY GOLF DAY

The 29th SS Philip & James Golf Society Charity Golf Day takes place on Friday 31st May at Pavenham Park Golf Club just outside Bedford. Entry forms for playing golf and/or attending the dinner are now available from Mike Chappell at mikechappell43@btinternet.com or 07973 703340. Please see noticeboard. For full details.

PARISH YOUTH MINISTER

Full-time Catholic Youth Minister for the parishes of Ss Philip & James and Holy Cross, Bedford. Full details of the role can be found by visiting www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or contacting HR Advisor on 01604 714840. Closing date for applications 3rd May 2019.

SCHOOL FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

Bishop Peter is currently recruiting Foundation Directors for our new Multi Academy Trusts in the north and south of the diocese. The closing date for the first round of applications is 31st May 2019. Application details by contacting Debbie Main on 01582 723312 or main@nores.org.uk

*Wishing you the joy and blessing of
the risen Lord this Easter.*

Canon Seamus & Fr Nathaniel

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1364.60

Our Lady's £328.77

Thank you.