

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

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**SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER**
28th April 2019



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today 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.

CATHOLIC BASICS

Catholic Basics: The Moral Life. Thursday 16th May 10am to 3pm at the Diocesan RE Centre, Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 78JD. Mass at 9am. Open to all. No qualifications needed. Full lunch provided. For booking contact Jackie on admin@nores.org.uk or 01582 723312.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Eileen Cusack, RIP
	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Teresa Conway, RIP
	6.30pm	Bridie Morrisroe, RIP
Monday		St Catherine of Siena
	10.45am	Michael Smith, RIP
Tuesday		St George
	7.30am	Anna Keeshan, RIP
	10.45am	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday		St Joseph the Worker
	7.30am	Heaney Family
	10.45am	King Family
Thursday		St Athanasius
	10.45am	Requiem: Bridie Morrisroe
Friday		SS Philip & James
	10.45am	Alicja Riddle, RIP
Saturday		Martyrs of England & Wales
	10.45am	John Grogan

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	Francis Agab, RIP
Thursday	6.00pm	Sylvia Blackburn

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Mukuze, Ndoro, Kahari

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Easter

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: Raoul & Jo Bull

ADOREMUS PRAYER GROUP

The Adoremus Prayer Group meets this Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Guild Room with song, scripture reading, reflection and shared prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to which all are invited.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for peace in our world and in our hearts.

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!

EASTER CHICK COMPETITION

Please see the noticeboard for the names of the winners of the Easter chick competition. Prizes of chocolate bunnies can be claimed from the sacristy. Thanks to all who participated.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LESSONS

English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) free classes will be starting in the Guild Room at St Joseph's church every Saturday until 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.

CHRISTIAN WITNESS

The Annual Forum of Churches together in Bedfordshire is hosting a talk on Christian Witness in the Middle East at The Square Methodist Church, Ashton Square, Dunstable LU6 3SN on Thursday 9th May with a buffet at 6.30pm followed by keynote talk at 7.30pm and a short AGM. Admission free. All welcome.

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.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bridie Morrisroe, Bunty Rochford and Michael Day. May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £2873.96

Our Lady's £490.99

Thank you

Good Friday

St Joseph's £616.42

Our Lady's £203.91