

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

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8th September 2019



PARISH BBQ

Parish BBQ this afternoon at 2.00pm in the grounds of Our Lady's church, Kempston. £5 per adult and £3 for a child. Please come along in support of our parish project.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

The parents of children who wish to make their First Confession and Holy Communion next year are asked to collect a form from the sacristy after Sunday Mass. Your child should be in Year 3 or above. Completed forms must be returned by Sunday 29th September.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection at all Masses next Sunday for Home Mission Day to aid the work of the local Church to evangelise and make known the joy of the Gospel.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am People of the Parish
9.30am Gerry Rooney, RIP
11.00am Private Int.
6.30pm In Thanksgiving

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Sandy Grove, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

7.30am Private Int.

10.45am Eileen Hoare, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*

7.30am Private Int.

10.45am Emma Jordan

Thursday *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

10.45am Holy Souls

Friday *St John Chrysostom*

10.45am Mary McAneney, RIP

Saturday *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

10.45am John Podesta, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Margaret Ealden, RIP

Thursday 6.00pm Alan Wright, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Daniles, Nwankwo, Okonkwo

FLOWERS: Mrs Bino

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Lyn Bull

QUARTERLY PARISH BULLETIN

There are still some copies left of the latest Quarterly Parish Bulletin from the back of the church. Please take one.

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a short healing service on Sunday 22nd September after the 6.30pm Mass in St Joseph's.

EVC UGANDA CONCERT

Stewartby Operatic Society is providing a musical evening in aid of EVC Uganda on Wednesday 18th September at the **Castle Newnham School, Polhill Avenue, Bedford MK41 9DT** starting at 7.30pm. Cheese and wine will be provided plus cakes, crisps and soft drinks for children. Fr Boniface will be in attendance. Tickets at £5 per adult, (no entry fee for children), on sale after all Masses today or can be bought at the door on the night. Contact Judi Fawcett on 838134 or email info@evcuganda.org

BEDFORD PASTORAL AREA

The Bedford Pastoral Area is holding a Day of Reflection on Saturday 21st September in the Holy Cross Parish Hall, Goldington Road, from 11am to 3.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. More details to follow.

SPONSORED WALK-THANK YOU

Mary Frost would like to thank all those who sponsored her for Cancer Research. She has completed the walk and any monies promised can be given to her personally or at the presbytery, marking your donation 'Sponsored Walk'.

SURVIVE-MIVA-THANK YOU

The Survive-Miva appeal last Sunday raised £761.10 from St Joseph's and £121.15 from Our Lady's. The charity thanks us for our generous response to this appeal which will greatly aid its work in many parts of the developing world.

TABLE TOP SALE

Table Top Sale on Saturday 14th September in Christ the King Parish Hall, Harrowden Road, from 9.00am to 12 noon. Entry 50p. Tables £5 and must be pre-booked. Refreshments available. Further information call 965497.

CATHOLIC BEDFORD

Visit www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com for events and news in the Bedford Pastoral Area.

RETREAT DAY

The Secular Branch of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary warmly invite parishioners to join them on their Residential/Non-residential Retreat which will be held in Buckden Towers from 6.00pm on Friday 4th October until after lunch on Sunday 6th October. The theme is 'To contemplate, live and announce to the world God's love which was made flesh in Jesus.' Total residential cost is £130 per person. For day and evening attendance without accommodation the cost is £80 per person with all meals included. To book please contact Mary Makin on 871759.

BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

There will be a Votive Mass on Monday 7th October at 7.00pm in Ss Philip & James Church, Brickhill, followed by a DVD on the life and message of Blessed John Henry Newman to celebrate his Canonisation. The evening will end with the Office of Compline at 9.15pm. All welcome.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 12th to 19th October 2020. Price: £1540 per person sharing a twin/double room on a half-board basis. Single room supplement is £280. Price includes return airfare from Luton Airport, hold baggage, accommodation, all transport in the Holy Land, tips and gratuities and all entrance fees. A deposit of £400 and completed booking form required by 12th December 2019 with the balance due by 12th June 2020. Please let Canon Seamus know of your interest as soon as you can.

PARISH FORUM

The next meeting of the Parish Forum is on Friday 20th September at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. If there is anything you would like brought up at the meeting, please inform a member of the Forum whose names appear on the noticeboard.

'If you wish to remain young, seek Christ.'

St Augustine

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory St Joseph's £1199.04
Survive-Miva St Joseph's £761.10

Our Lady's £294.11 Thank you.
Our lady's £121.15