

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

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## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

15<sup>th</sup> September 2019



### FATHER NATHANIEL

We say farewell to Fr Nathaniel this week as he takes up his new assignment in Milton Keynes. His final Mass here will be this Friday at 10.45am. We thank him for his time with, his lively preaching and his friendship. We accompany him with prayer as he continues his ministry in the diocese.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> September.

### SVP APPEAL

There will be an appeal for new SVP members at all Masses next Sunday.

### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Molly, Martin, James Leydon, RIP  
9.30am Private Int.  
11.00am Nick & Bridie Keisters, RIP  
6.30pm Private Int.

Monday *SS Cornelius & Cyprian*  
10.45am Elohor Owumi, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*  
7.30am Sandy Grove, RIP  
10.45am Private Int.

Wednesday *Feria*  
7.30am Private Int.  
10.45am Nora Lagan, RIP

Thursday *Feria*  
10.45am Geoffrey Stuart Stone

Friday *SS Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions*  
10.45am James Foy, RIP

Saturday *St Matthew*  
10.45am Victoria & Kevin Kondoh

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Margaret Ealden, RIP  
Thursday 6.00pm Varkey Joseph & Mathachen, RIP

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**I will leave this place and go to my father.**

**ROSARY:** Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

**CLEANING:** Cummings, Tracy, Petts

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Bino

**NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year**

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 1

**Children's Liturgy:** Jo & Raoul Bull

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

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

### **HEALING SERVICE**

There will be a short healing service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@evcuganda.org)

## **PARISH PROJECT & BBQ-THANKS**

Thanks to all who came along to the Parish BBQ last Sunday which raised £190 for our parish project. Thanks to all who organised the event. The total amount collected over the past twelve months is £5000. A wonderful result! This sum will be divided between The Bedford Day Care Hospice and Mary's Meals. Thank you for your generous giving. We will continue with the same project for the next twelve months. Again, thank you for your generosity towards those in need.

## **PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE WALSINGHAM**

This pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October departing by coach from St Joseph's, Midland Road at 8.15am. Cost of coach £16 which includes entry to the Priory. To book contact Mary Frost on 304014 or 07708 264054. See noticeboard for further details.

## **DIVINE MERCY RETREAT**

Divine Mercy Retreat on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm – 5.30pm at St Martin de Porres Church, 366 Leagrave High Street, Luton LU4 0NG. All welcome. See leaflet at the back of the church.

## **CATHOLIC BEDFORD**

Visit [www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com](http://www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com) for events and news in the Bedford Pastoral Area.

## **PARISH FORUM**

The next meeting of the Parish Forum is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **BEDFORD PASTORAL AREA**

The Bedford Pastoral Area is holding a Day of Reflection on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September in the Holy Cross Parish Hall, Goldington Road, from 11am to 3.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. All welcome.

## **BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**

There will be a Votive Mass on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 with the balance due by 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Please let Canon Seamus know of your interest as soon as you can.

### **Home Mission Prayer**

*Star of the New Evangelisation, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world.*

*Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for God's little ones, pray for us. Amen.*  
*Alleluia!*

Pope Francis

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1121.02**

**Our Lady's £355.13**

**Thank you.**