

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

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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

22nd September 2019



Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Annamma Thomas, RIP
	11.00am	Catherine Andrews
	6.30pm	Varkey Joseph, RIP
Monday	<i>St Pio of Pietrelcina</i>	
	10.45am	Sandy Grove, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	
	7.30am	Private Int.
	10.45am	Cotilda & Holy Souls
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Private Int.
	10.45am	Aloysius Lagan, RIP
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Peter Mussellwhite, RIP
Friday	<i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	
	10.45am	Mary Cox (Thanksgiving)
Saturday	<i>Votive Mass of Our Lady</i>	
	10.45am	Franc Rozman, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	Private Int.
Thursday	6.00pm	Anne McAneney, RIP

WELCOME

Having said farewell to Fr Nathaniel last week we welcome Deacon Kevin Ryan to the parish. We are glad of his presence with us as he takes up his ministry here. Fr Boniface remains with us until the end of September when he will return to Uganda. We hope to have another priest from Nigeria staying with us at the beginning of October for a period of two months as part of his sabbatical.

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.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord who raises the poor.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: Mukuze, Kahari, Ndoro.

FLOWERS: Mrs Kavanagh

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty sixth Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: Bimla & Natalie Mathew

SVP APPEAL

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

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a short healing service this evening after the 6.30pm Mass to pray for healing before the Blessed Sacrament.

THANK YOU

Fr Nathaniel wishes to thank all who gave so generously towards his leaving present which amounted to £1000 from both parishes. He also thanks us for his time with us where he was made to feel most welcome as part of the parish family. The presentation is a token of our gratitude for his ministry among us. May the Lord continue to bless him.

PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE WALSINGHAM

This pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 6th 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.

PASTORAL LETTER

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishop will be read at all Masses next Sunday regarding the Extraordinary Month of Mission in October.

STUDY COURSE ON THE PSALMS

It is proposed to start a 10 week study course on the psalms. The study book is £26.99 and can be ordered through the Good News Bookshop, Luton, tel: 01582 571011. The course would start early or mid-October and should be finished by Christmas. If you wish to follow the course, please contact Michael Simmonds on 308395.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

Divine Mercy Retreat on Sunday 13th 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.

HEALING MASS

This Saturday a Mass will be concelebrated with Fr Boniface providing healing and deliverance prayers afterwards in St Cuthbert's Polish Church, Mill Street, Bedford at 7.00pm. All welcome.

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.

AFTERNOON VINTAGE TEA

Afternoon Vintage Tea in Christ the King Parish Hall, Harrowden Road, Bedford from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Admission £4. Tea, homemade cakes and friendship. Further information call: 326291.

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.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ena Ryan and Roland Morgan. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

*'We regard heaven as our country...
There, a great number of our dear ones is awaiting us, and a dense crowd of parents, brothers, sisters, children, is longing for us, already assured of their own safety, and still solicitous for our salvation. To attain their presence and their embrace, what gladness both for them and for us as well!'*

St Cyprian

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory **St Joseph's £1065.81**
Home Missions **St Joseph's £377.93**

Our Lady's £273.83
Our Lady's £89.06

Thank you.