

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

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**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR**
29th September 2019



FAREWELL

We say farewell to Fr Boniface this week as he returns to Uganda this Tuesday. We thank him for his time with us and he in turn is very grateful and heartened by the warm welcome he has once again received and hopes to return in a couple of years. Our prayers are with him as he takes up his many duties in his home parish.

EVC UGANDA CONCERT

Thanks to all who supported and came along to the EVC Uganda Concert just over a week ago. The evening raised a total of £845.39. This money assists the work of Fr Boniface in his service to the poor children of his parish.

FUNDRAISING MEETING

Parish fundraising meeting this Monday at 7.00pm in the Guild Room.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am K.V. Sebastin, RIP
9.30am Ben Diogu, RIP
11.00am Michael Smith, RIP
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday *St Jerome*

10.45am Nicholas Lynch, RIP

Tuesday *St Therese of Lisieux*

7.30am Private Int.
10.45am Marie Dalton, RIP

Wednesday *Holy Guardian Angels*

7.30am Private Int.
10.45am Anne Warboys

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Elaine Devereux, RIP

Friday *St Francis of Assisi*

10.45am Madi Agu, RIP

Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*

10.45am SVP Benefactors

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Mary Wright, RIP
Thursday 6.00pm Peter Mussellwhite, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: Daniels, Nwankwo, Okonkwo

FLOWERS: Mrs Kavanagh

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: Michael Simmonds

CAFOD APPEAL

There will be a short talk about the work and needs of CAFOD after all Masses today in preparation for the second collection to be taken next Sunday. Envelopes will be given out for this purpose. Please take one and fill in the Gift Aid slip if you are a tax-payer.

PASTORAL LETTER

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishop will be read at all Masses today regarding the Extraordinary Month of Mission.

AGM PASTORAL AREA COUNCIL

You are invited to attend the AGM of the Bedford Pastoral Council this Friday beginning with Mass in St Joseph's at 7.00pm followed by the AGM in the Guild Room. **Bishop Peter will be present at the meeting.**

ADOREMUS PRAYER GROUP

The Parish Adoremus Prayer Group meets this Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Guild Room to which all are invited to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament with praise, song, music scripture reflection and shared prayer.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

All request forms for First Holy Communion should be handed in today, please. The parents meeting will be on Thursday 10th October at 7.15pm in the Guild Room. Access from Church Street.

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 07708264054. See noticeboard for further details.

STUDY COURSE ON THE PSALMS

A 10-week study course on the psalms at Christ the King Parish room, Harrowden Road beginning this Wednesday from 10.45am to 12.45pm. Contact: dympnaconnolly09@gmail.com or at Our Lady of Ransom Church, Kempston beginning 22nd October from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Contact Mary frost: mary_frost1211@yahoo.co.uk. To purchase a study book contact: Good News Shop, Luton between 10.00am and 4.00pm Mon-Fri. Tel: 01582 571011. See noticeboard for more details.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ena Ryan and Doreen Chadwick. May they rest in peace.

MARY'S MEALS

A cheque for £2,500 was received from us by Mary's Meals which we raised over the past twelve months. A further sum of £2,500 will be given to the Bedford Day Care Hospice. Thank you for your generous giving.

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.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Catholic Grandparents Association meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 2.00pm to 3.00pm in Christ the King Parish Room. Any grandparents who would like to know more and who may like to join, please contact Liz Duggan on 07922 001862.

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.

SCHOOL APPOINTMENT

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Luton, is seeking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher for January 2020 or earlier. Visits to the school are encouraged. Contact Mrs Board on 01582 572964 or finance@stjosephs.primaryluton.co.uk. Full details at www.stjosephsprimaryluton.co.uk. Closing date Friday 11th Oct. Interviews 16th Oct.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1099.84

Our Lady's £272.85

Thank you.