

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

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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY

OF THE YEAR

3rd November 2019



CHANGES ON THE WAY

As many of you already know, the Bishop is unable to send another assistant priest to the parish once Fr Evaristus departs. This will necessitate a rescheduling of Sunday and weekday Masses. Fr Evaristus is leaving us earlier than anticipated on 18th November. Therefore, the Sunday Mass in Our Lady's, Kempston, will have to move to a Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm beginning Saturday 23rd November. There will no longer be a Sunday 9.30am Mass in Our Lady's from that date. The Mass times in St Joseph's will remain the same for the moment but this will change after the Christmas period. Sadly, we have been forced into this because of a lack of priests! Hence the need to pray for more good vocations.

PARISH QUIZ

Parish Quiz this Friday at 7.30pm in the Guild Room in aid of our parish project. Tickets on sale after the Masses at £3.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	David Walsh, RIP
	9.30am	Hilary Brimble, RIP
	11.00am	David Simmonds, RIP
	6.30pm	Private Int.
Monday	<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	
	10.45am	Dennis Gilbert, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Holy Souls
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Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Holy Souls
	10.45am	Evelyn Foy, RIP
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Requiem: Bridget Leydon, RIP
Friday	<i>Blessed John Duns Scotus</i>	
	10.45am	Rose Anne Jacobs
Saturday	<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	
	10.45am	Holy Souls

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thursday	6.00pm	Holy Souls

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will bless your name forever, O God my King.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: Mukuze, Kahari, Ndoro

FLOWERS: Mrs Crow

NEXT SUNDAY: Thirty Second Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Raoul & Jo Bull

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

As far as possible, the Masses in November will be offered each day for the Holy Souls. If you wish to include the names of your deceased loved ones in these daily Masses, then please list them and place the list in the envelopes provided at the back of the church and return the envelopes to the presbytery or the church.

SECOND COLLECTION

There is a second collection today at all Masses for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund.

ADOREMUS PRAYER GROUP

The Adoremus Prayer Group meets this Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Guild Room for an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with music, song, scripture reflection and shared prayer. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION 2020

Those wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation next year, i.e. Year 9 of school or older, are asked to collect an enrolment form from the sacristy. Preparation classes will begin in January 2020. Any adults who are seeking Confirmation will be seen separately.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

The blessing of graves during the month of November will be as follows: Foster Hill Road today. Norse Road Sunday 10th November. Kempston on Sunday 17th November. Each service will begin with prayers near the entrance to the cemetery at 2.30pm followed by the blessing of individual graves. Please let Canon Seamus know if there is a request to bless any graves in Wootton Cemetery.

STUDY COURSE ON THE PSALMS

A 10 week study course on the psalms at Christ the King Parish Room, Harrowden Road each Wednesday from 10.45am to 12.45pm. Contact: dymnaconnolly09@gmail.com or at Our Lady of Ransom Church, Kempston each Tuesday 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.

CATHOLIC BEDFORD

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

ELAINE McLENNAN RIP

Elaine's funeral Mass is this Wednesday at 11.00am in Our Lady's, Kempston.

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Sale of Christmas cards and graveside candles and other religious items on sale in both churches today. Any profit made will be in aid of our parish project.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Tickets for our Christmas Draw are now available for sale from today onwards at £2.50 a book. Proceeds in aid of our parish project. **Prizes for the Draw gratefully received and can be delivered to the presbytery or church.**

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 soon.

LUX.VOX 2020

Lux is an annual residential Catholic retreat for young people of secondary school age. Each year the Lux weekends are given a theme and the theme for 2020 is Vox which is Latin for voice. In England and Wales 2020 is year for as Catholics to focus on the word of God in scripture. The year is called 'The God Who Speaks'. Lux. Vox will explore how we can engage with the beauty of God's words to interpret his plan for our lives. The weekend is Friday 31st January – Sunday 2nd February 2020. Venue: Kings Park Centre, Northampton. Cost: £105 per person. Includes accommodation, food and programme. Call 01582 720627 or email: fiona@nymo.org. Visit: www.nymo.org/lux

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Elaine McLennan and Bridget Leydon. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1309.43

Our Lady's £415.27

Thank you.