

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

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**FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**
1st December 2019



PASTORAL LETTER

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Peter will be read at all Masses today regarding the Year of the Word.

PARISH READERS

Following on from the Pastoral Letter the Bishop wants all Parish Readers to be commissioned next Sunday at Mass. Please pick up a text to be used before the Mass you normally attend next Sunday.

MARIAN EVENT

Visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco to Ss Philip & James Church, Bedford, on Saturday 7th December. Morning Prayer at 9.00am followed by Procession and Mass at 9.40am. Rosary follows with veneration of the relics. Lunch at 12noon, then Fatima film. The day ends at 4.00pm. All are invited.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	John Harvey, RIP
	9.30am	José Castro-Gonzalez, RIP
	11.00am	Marie Atkinson, RIP
	6.30pm	David Anderson, RIP
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Dennis Gilbert, RIP
Tuesday	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>	
	7.30am	Eileen Cusack, RIP
	10.45am	David Anderson, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Reginald Gill, RIP
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Innocent Ubaka Onu
Friday	<i>St Nicholas</i>	
	10.45am	Evelyn Foy, RIP
Saturday	<i>St Ambrose</i>	
	10.45am	Sheila Ryan, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	People of the Parish
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**Confessions: Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)
St Joseph's:**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: Daniels, Nwankwo, Okonkwo

FLOWERS: No flowers

NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Advent

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Edward & Geraldine Byrne

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for peace.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The parish Christmas Concert in aid of our parish project is coming up on Friday 20th December at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. Tickets on sale at £5. If there is anyone out there who would do a turn at the concert, please let Canon Seamus know.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be second collection next Sunday in St Joseph's to purchase for the church at Christmas.

ADOREMUS PRAYER GROUP

Meets this Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Guild Room for an hour of guided prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with music and song. All are invited.

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.

IGNITE YOUR FAITH

An opportunity for the youth to grow in spirit through prayer, good food, fun games and amazing company. 5th, 12th & 19th Dec at Ss Philip & James Church, Severn Way. Ages: 8-11 6.15pm-7.30pm. Ages: 12-18 7.30pm-9.00pm. Contact Stephanie: youthministerbedford@gmail.com 07307882977.

CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS

A colourful leaflet setting out the times of all the Advent and Christmas services in the Bedford Pastoral Area is available at the back of the church. Please take a copy home with you.

RED MISSION BOXES

All holders of a Red Mission Box are asked to return them to the sacristy of either church by mid-December. Please make sure that your name is on the bottom of the box and please take an empty box to start collecting for 2020.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

There will be parish pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 19th – 26th May 2020. Book early for a cheaper flight, usually £100 plus hold luggage. Half board accommodation is 28 euros per night if sharing and 38 euros for a single room per night. If interested, please contact Mary Frost on 304014 or 07708 264054.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new offertory envelopes for Our Lady's, Kempston, are now available from the porch.

ADVENT SERVICE

All are welcome to an Ecumenical Advent Service next Sunday at All Saints Church, Queen's Park at 4.00pm. Refreshments afterwards. See poster.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

An Ecumenical Christian Meditation Group meets every Friday at 12 noon in the Quiet Room of St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton Road. All welcome. See poster on the noticeboard.

EVC UGANDA CONCERT

The EVC Uganda Concert held last September realised just over £1,600. Many thanks to all who supported the event.

CHISEN CONCERT

The Chisen Foundation is holding a concert supporting children with special educational needs in Ghana, on Sunday 8th December from 5pm to 8pm in Christ the King Hall, Harrowden Road. Free entry.

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Sale of Christmas cards and other items on sale after the Sunday Masses at the back of the church in St Joseph's and in the porch at Our Lady's.

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 – 19th October 2020. Price: £1540 per person sharing a twin/double room on a half-board basis. Single room supplement is £280. A deposit of £400 and completed booking form required by 12th December 2019 with the balance due by 12th June 2020. Please see Canon Seamus.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Malone. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1518.33

Our Lady's £142.70

Thank you.