

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8th December 2019



READERS COMMISSIONING

All parish readers are to be commissioned at the beginning of Mass today. Please collect the text from the sacristy before Mass.

GUADALUPE MASS

The feast day Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe is this Thursday at 7.30pm in St Joseph's. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Kevin McDonald, former bishop of our diocese, along with Bishop Peter Doyle. There will be a reception after the Mass in the Italian Church Hall, Woburn Road. The church will be closed after the 10.45am Mass and there will be no Adoration this Thursday, to prepare the church for the evening Mass.

HOME SHRINES

New dates for the Home Shrines are now available from January to March 2020. Any queries contact Mike O'Hara on 07841 922976.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Mary Nolan, RIP
	9.30am	Joseph Augustine & Litty Joseph
	11.00am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Rita & Family
Monday	<i>Immaculate Conception of Our Lady</i>	
	10.45am	Nicolas Robles, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Patrick Cusack, RIP
	10.45am	Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Mary, Ciro & Luigi Guerriero, RIP
Thursday	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	
	10.45am	Thomas Raju
	7.30pm	Private Int.
Friday	<i>St Lucy</i>	
	10.45am	Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP
Saturday	<i>St John of the Cross</i>	
	10.45am	Sandy Grove, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Catherine Lloyd, RIP
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**Confessions: Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)
St Joseph's:**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: Cummings, Odell, Petts, George, Bahoum.

FLOWERS: No flowers

NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Advent

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: Raoul & Jo Bull

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 like to do a turn at the concert, please let Canon Seamus know.

ADVENT SERVICE

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

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The next preparation class for the children making their First Confession and Communion is this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room. All must attend, please.

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.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Penitential Service with individual Confessions on Wednesday 18th December at 7pm in St Joseph's.

IGNITE YOUR FAITH

An opportunity to the youth to grow in spirit through prayer, good food, fun games and amazing company. 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 07307 882977.

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.

ZIMBABWE COMMUNITY

The Zimbabwe community will be leading the singing at the 11am Mass next Sunday.

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.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

The Knights of St Columba have made available Christmas posters at the back of the church to display in your windows.

CHISEN CONCERT

The Chisen Foundation is holding a concert supporting children with special educational needs in Ghana, today 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. The draw will take place after the 6.30pm Mass next Sunday. Please hand in all tickets and money by then. **Prizes for the Draw gratefully received.**

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 £1249.05

Our Lady's £206.64

Thank you.