

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

15th December 2019



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The parish Christmas Concert in aid of our parish project is this on Friday 20th December at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. Tickets on sale at £5. Come along for some festive fun!

ZIMBABWE COMMUNITY

We welcome the Zimbabwe community who will be leading the singing at the 11am Mass today.

FIRST CONFESSION

The children preparing for their First Holy Communion are reminded that they are to be in St Joseph's church this Friday by 6.15pm to celebrate their First Confession.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Penitential Service with individual Confessions this Wednesday at 7.00pm in St Joseph's church. Please try to come along in preparation for the feast of Christmas

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Canon Seamus Keenan
	11.00am	Edmond Connolly, RIP
	6.30pm	Rene & Family
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Celia Goodstadt, RIP
Tuesday	<i>O Wisdom</i>	
	7.30am	David & Sylvia Guerin
	10.45am	Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP
Wednesday	<i>O Adonai</i>	
	10.45am	Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP
Thursday	<i>O Root of Jesse</i>	
	10.45am	Requiem: Catherine Malone
Friday	<i>O Key of David</i>	
	10.45am	James Foy, RIP
Saturday	<i>O Rising Sun</i>	
	10.45am	Mary Ann Graham

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Come, Lord, and save us.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: Mukuze, Kahari, Ndoro

FLOWERS: No flowers

NEXT SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: Bimla & Natalie Mathew

CONFESSIONS AT OUR LADY'S

There will be an opportunity for the sacrament of Confession in Our Lady's church after the Vigil Mass next Saturday.

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.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

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

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. All forms should be returned by the end of December.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Mass times in St Joseph's are;
Christmas Eve: 6.30pm Children's Mass.
Midnight Mass preceded by Carols at 11.30pm.
Christmas Day: 8.15am, 9.30am & 11am. No evening Mass.

Our Lady's: **Christmas Eve:** 5.00pm Children's Mass. **Christmas Day:** 9.00am.

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.

THANKS

Ted Fawcett, Chairman of EVC Uganda, wishes to thank all those in the parish who so kindly support poor children through EVC Child Sponsorship Programme. Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated and valued. On behalf of the charity he wishes each one of you every peace and joy at Christmas with your family and loved ones.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

There will be parish pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 19th to 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.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

CATHOLIC BASICS

A basic introduction to the Catholic faith in four parts will be run from January to June next year. Part one starts on Saturday 25th Jan from 10am to 3pm at the RE Centre, Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD. Cost is £15 per person. To reserve a place contact admin@nores.org.uk or complete a form obtainable from the presbytery.

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.

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CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

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

The draw will take place after the 6.30pm Mass today. Please hand in all tickets and money by then. Thanks to all who donated prizes.

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. The balance due by 12th June 2020. Please see Canon Seamus.

"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear the call of God. However, it is unlikely that he will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to him. If you want to see him, send a text while driving!"

Translated from a church noticeboard in France.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory **St Joseph's £1297.25**

Our Lady's £400.15

Thank you.