

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

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THE HOLY FAMILY 29th December 2019



Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am People of the Parish
9.30am Joy Slater
11.00am Michael Smith, RIP
6.30pm Private Int.

Monday *St Thomas Becket*

10.45am Bridget Leydon, RIP

Tuesday *Christmas Octave*

7.30am Private Int.

10.45am John Cooney

Wednesday *Mary, Mother of God*

10.45am Linda Richardson, RIP

Thursday *SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*

10.45am Jean Petts

Friday *Most Holy Name of Jesus*

10.45am Charlie Sterling, RIP

Saturday *Feria*

10.45am Dennis Gilbert, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Elaine McLennan, RIP

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

THANKS

My thanks to all who sent cards and gifts and for your ever generous Christmas offering. Thanks to our parish musicians, singers, altar servers, flower arrangers, cleaners and those who set up the Crib and trees. A special thanks to all who have expressed condolences over the death of my mother. I am very touched by your heartfelt sympathy and your prayers. And just to thank all who have contributed to the life of the parish in so many ways this past year.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Further thanks to all who participated in the Christmas Concert this year which was a real fun evening and which raised £390 for our parish project.

RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

Today, at all Masses, married couples are invited to renew their marriage vows.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: Cummings, Petts, Odell, George

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: Epiphany of the Lord

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: None until January

CRIB OFFERING

Money placed in the Crib Offering box is in aid of our parish project, Mary's Meals and Bedford Daycare Hospice.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

The list of prize winners is now on the noticeboard. Please claim your prize from the presbytery. Thanks to all who donated prizes and bought tickets which, after the money prizes and expenses, raised £773.86 for our parish project.

PASTORAL LETTER

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Peter will be read at all Masses today.

SURPLUS GIFT SALE

There will be a Surplus Gift Sale in aid of our parish project on Sunday 19th January after all Masses in the Guild Room and in the porch of Our Lady's church, Kempston. Gifts can be handed into the presbytery and Our Lady's church.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation Classes will begin on Saturday 25th January from 2.30pm to 4.00pm, meeting in the Guild Room. All candidates must attend, please. There will also be a talk to parents of candidates on Wednesday 22nd January at 7.15pm in the Guild Room (access from Church Street).

ADOREMUS PRAYER GROUP

The Adoremus Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 8th January at 8.00pm in the Guild Room for an hour of prayer before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament with song, music, scripture reflection and shared prayer. All are invited to pray especially for God's blessing for the new year ahead.

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.

FUNERAL ARRANGMENTS

My mother's funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 31st December in St Joseph's, Gardenia Ave, Luton LU3 2NS at 9.30am followed by burial at the Vale Cemetery. Reception into the church the evening before at 6.00pm.

CURRY NIGHT

Another Indian Meal Night (not just curry) has been arranged for Thursday 23rd January at Indiya Restaurant, Broadway, Bedford, at a cost of £15 per person for two courses. £5 of this will be donated to our parish project for every diner who attends. A varied choice of menu will be available including an English menu.

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.

RED MISSION BOXES

A total of £1984.75 was collected from the Red Mission Boxes handed in. Many thanks to all who support the missionary work of the Church in this way. New Mission Boxes are available to anyone who would like to use them.

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.

Good News

'The Good News is that God still loves the world through each one of you. You are God's good news; you are God's love in action.'

St Teresa of Calcutta

Canon Seamus and Deacon Kevin wish you a happy and peaceful New Year.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1116.20

Our Lady's £198.20

Thank you.