

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

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5th January 2020



THANK YOU

My thanks to all who attended my mother's funeral Mass in Luton last Tuesday and to the Knights of St Columba who formed a Guard of Honour. Your presence was a great support to me and my sisters. My thanks, again, for all your prayers and sympathy cards which is a wonderful source of comfort. Thank you so much.

ADOREMUS PRAYER GROUP

We meet again for prayer this Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Guild Room with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, music, hymns, scripture reading and reflection and shared prayer. All are welcome, asking God for his blessing upon us for the New Year.

CRIB OFFERING

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

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Ena Ryan, RIP
9.30am Mary Orr, RIP
11.00am Elsie Petts, RIP
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Evelyn Foy, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

7.30am Mary Frost

10.45am Frances McFadden, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Ellen & John Conroy, RIP

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Nicole de Mouëllec, RIP

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Bridget Hoey, RIP

Saturday *Feria*

10.45am Jose Paul Mathew; Marykuty Jose

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Ann & Elizabeth Glackin

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: Mukuze, Kahari, Ndoro

FLOWERS: Mrs Kavanagh

NEXT SUNDAY: Baptism of the Lord

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: None until January

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The First Communion Classes begin again this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room. Full attendance, please.

TALK TO PARENTS

There is a talk to the parents of these children this Thursday at 7.15pm in the Guild Room. It is important that all parents attend, please.

PARISH FORUM

Our Parish Forum meets this Friday at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. If you have anything you wish to be discussed at the meeting, please inform one of the Forum members. Their names can be found on the noticeboard.

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).

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from 18th to 25th January. Various town churches are taking part including St Joseph's on Friday 24th January at 12.30pm. The full list of venues is on the noticeboard.

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.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Orr. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

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. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you wish to attend.

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.

TABLE TOP SALE

Table Top Sale on Saturday 11th January in Christ the King Parish Hall, Harrowden Road, 9.00am to noon. Entrance 50p. Tables £5 and must be pre-booked. Refreshments available. For more information call 965497.

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.

Christmas

“May each Christmas, as it comes, find us more and more like Him, who as at this time became a little child for our sake, more simple-minded, more humble, more holy, more affectionate, more resigned, more happy, more full of God.”

St John Henry Newman

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1166.31

Our Lady's £159.58

Thank you.