

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

26th January 2020



ST MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

This year has been designated as The Year of the Word when we are invited to read and listen attentively to the scriptures wherein the voice of God speaks to us. As part of this initiative there are some copies of the Gospel of St Matthew on sale at the back of the church for £1. Please place money in the wall-box marked 'Books'. More copies can be purchased. To obtain an idea of how many, please place your name on the list at the back of the church.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The next preparation class for children making their First Holy Communion this year is this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

The new Diocesan Directory for 2020 is now on sale at the back of the church at £3.50 per copy to be placed in the wall-box marked 'Books'.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Tony Bull, RIP
9.30am Anna Ruff
11.00am Anita Barberio, RIP
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Terezija Dernulc, RIP

Tuesday *St Thomas Aquinas*

7.30am Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP

10.45am Antoni

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Michael Smith, RIP

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP

Friday *St John Bosco*

10.45am Franc Rozman, RIP

Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*

10.45am Ana Correia da Gama, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Elisa di Gennaro, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my help

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: Mukuze, Ngoro, Kahari

FLOWERS: Mrs Bino

NEXT SUNDAY: The Presentation of the Lord

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Edward & Geraldine Byrne

SURPLUS GIFT SALE

The Surplus Gift Sale continues in Our Lady's, Kempston after the Vigil Mass in aid of our parish project. The Sale raised £142.50 last Sunday in St Joseph's. Thanks to all who donated and bought items.

PARISH QUIZ

Our next fundraising event is a Parish Quiz on Friday 7th February at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. Tickets on sale next Sunday at £3 per person.

FIRST AID COURSE

We are holding a one day Emergency First aid at Work course on Saturday 15th February in the Guild Room. The course, which is of six hours duration, starts at 9.00am. It will provide all necessary skills to treat life threatening situations. The organisers have stipulated that all attending must be fit enough to perform basic life support. The cost is £45 and a certificate will be issued to all who complete the course. If you wish to attend, please contact Canon Seamus.

FAREWELL MASS

There will be a Farewell Mass for Bishop Peter in Northampton Cathedral on Saturday 22nd February at 11.00am to which all are invited.

PRIZES

There are still a number of unclaimed Christmas Draw prizes. The list of prize winners is on the noticeboard. Please claim your prize from the presbytery.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Bedford Daycare Hospice, 3 Linden Rd, Bedford, for whom we, as a parish, are raising funds as part of our parish project this year, is appealing for volunteer drivers who can pick up patients from their homes in the mornings and then make a return journey in the afternoon. This would be suitable for a retired person and the requirement would be only once or twice a month with a payment to cover costs. If interested, please contact kevan@bdc-hospice.org.uk or tel: 01234 352015.

PRISON CHAPLAIN

Catholic Chaplain position, ordained or lay person, is being advertised for Bedford Prison. Part-time, flexible hours. Salary £27,021 – 30,415. Contact Bedford Prison Chaplaincy on 01234 373054. Closing date 10th February 2020.

MOBILE PHONES

Please ensure that you turn off your mobile phone before you enter the church. Thank you.

CURRY NIGHT

Thanks to all who attended the Curry Night last week which raised £200 for our parish project. A special thanks to Indiya Restaurant who hosted us and to John Moore who arranged the evening.

LAY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

There is a short course for Ministers of Holy Communion to be run on Wednesdays 5th, 12th & 19th February from 7.30pm to 9.00pm with Mass at 7.30pm in Holy Ghost Church, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD. Cost £12 for the course or £5 per night. Booking forms from the presbytery.

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.

THANKS

The Charity, Lepra, thanks us for the generous response to the appeal last week in both churches. This will greatly assist its work with sufferers from the disease of leprosy.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Krystyna Mullins. The funeral Mass is this Wednesday in Our Lady's, Kempston at 1.30pm. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

*'Nowhere on earth are you more welcomed,
nowhere on earth are you more loved than by
Jesus, living and truly present in the most Blessed
Sacrament. The time you spend with Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will
spend on earth.'*

St Teresa of Calcutta

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1164.39

Our Lady's £108.85

Thank you

2nd collection Lepra

St Joseph's £747.55

Our Lady's £82.30