

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

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

1<sup>st</sup> March 2020



### CAFOD COLLECTION

There will be a second collection for the work of CAFOD next Sunday at all Masses. Please take an envelope from the porch for this purpose. An appeal talk will be given at the Vigil Mass in Our Lady's.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Geoff and Antonia Stone are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We hold them in prayer as they renew their marriage vows at the 11.00am Mass today.

### ADOREMUS PRAYER GROUP

The Adoremus Prayer Group meets this Wednesday for an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at 8.00pm in the Guild Room (access from Church Street) All are invited to join in prayer through music and song, scripture reflection, silence and shared prayer

### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Peggy Herbert, RIP  
9.30am Gillian Tweehuysen  
11.00am Geoff & Antonia Stone  
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Dennis Gilbert, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

7.30am Jennifer Podesta

10.45am Jenny Howard

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Mary Wright, RIP

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Anne Madden

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Evelyn Foy, RIP

Saturday *SS Perpetua & Felicity*

10.45am Billy Walsh, RIP

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Jim Levingstone, RIP

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

**ROSARY:** Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

**CLEANING:** Cummings, Petts, George.

**FLOWERS:** No flowers

**NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Lent**

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 1

**Children's Liturgy:** Raoul & Jo Bull

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross today and every Sunday during Lent at 4.00pm in St Joseph's and Our Lady's. Please try to attend as part of our Lenten practice. In this prayerful devotion we meditate on the passion and death of Christ.

### **FATIMA DEVOTIONS**

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for peace.

## **LENTEN RETREAT**

A Lenten Retreat has been organised by the St Vincent de Paul Society on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Holy Cross Church, Goldington Road, Bedford from 3.00pm to 6.00pm. All are welcome. Full details on the noticeboard.

## **LECTIO DIVINA**

A parish Lent course on Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) is being offered to all on the Tuesdays of Lent beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> March in Our Lady's, Kempston at 2.30pm and in the Guild Room at St Joseph's at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity to listen more attentively to God's word in this Year of the Word. See noticeboard for more details.

## **SINGING GOD'S PRAISE**

This is the title of an Ecumenical Lent course at Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street, each Wednesday during Lent beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March from 1.10pm to 1.50pm. All are welcome. See noticeboard.

## **PASSOVER FOR CHRISTIANS**

This is a commemoration of the Jewish Passover and its fulfilment in Jesus Christ at the Last Supper. We are invited to experience the symbolic power and richness of the Jewish Passover and its fulfilment at the very first Easter. The date is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in Christ the King Parish Hall, Harrowden Road. Tickets are available at £6.50 per person after the Masses. See noticeboard for full details.

## **GIFT SALE**

The final total raised from the Surplus Gift Sale at Our Lady's was £84. Thanks to all who donated and bought items.

## **DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2020**

New Diocesan Directory £3.50 per copy at the back of the church. Money in wall-box marked 'Books'.

## **REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND**

The rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary is to take place in all Catholic cathedrals on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. In preparation for this we will be reciting the Angelus prayer after the Sunday Masses beginning today. There is already a tradition of doing this in St Joseph's at the weekday Masses. In this prayer we recall how Our Lady was invited to be the mother of the Saviour according to God's plan and her yes to God allowed Christ to be born into our world. Our yes to God also allows him to come into our world through the witness of our lives. And Mary, by her prayers, will help us to welcome Jesus as she did. Angelus prayer below.

## **MARIAN PROCESSION**

To coincide with the rededication, there will be a Marian Procession at Ss Philip & James Church, Severn Way, Bedford on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am after the children's Mass, followed by a bring-and-share lunch. Please see noticeboard for details.

## **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE**

There will be parish pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020. 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 Siobhan Saceddu. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

### **Angelus**

*The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.*

*And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

*Hail Mary...*

*Behold the handmaid of the Lord.*

*Be it done to me according to thy word.*

*Hail Mary...*

*And the Word was made flesh.*

*And dwelt amongst us.*

*Hail Mary...*

## **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1270.97**

**Our Lady's £283.40**

**Thank you.**