

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

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## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020



### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Canon Gerard Hart, RIP  
9.30am People of the Parish  
11.00am Sandy Grove, RIP  
6.30pm Sally Merrill, RIP

Monday *St Blaise*  
10.45am Elrif Family

Tuesday *Feria*  
7.30am John Podesta, RIP  
10.45am Mansour & Antoinette, RIP

Wednesday *St Agatha*  
10.45am Linda Richardson, RIP

Thursday *St Paul Miki & Companions*  
10.45am Evelyn Foy, RIP

Friday *Feria*  
10.45am Linda Richardson, RIP

Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*  
10.45am Dennis Gilbert, RIP

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Theresa Killeen

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

### FAREWELL MASS

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

### PARISH QUIZ

Our next fundraising event is a Parish Quiz this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. Tickets on sale today after all Masses at £3 per person. Bring your own drink and brain power!

### BLESSING OF THROATS

The traditional Blessing of Throats will take place after the 10.45am Mass this Monday, the feast of St Blaise.

### WORDFEST2020

As part of the Year of the Word there will be a Word Festival at Thornton College on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. More info: [www.northamptondiocese.org/wordfest](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/wordfest)

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.**

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

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

**CLEANING:** Daniles, Nwankwo, Okonkwo

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Price

**NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday of the Year**

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 1

**Children's Liturgy:** Bimla Mathew

### **HELP NEEDED**

Voluntary help needed with transporting the Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe from Bedford to various venues around the country. If you think you could help drive the van (usually a Friday, Saturday or Monday), please contact Keith Allen on 07783 976819. Also, occasional help is needed to manage the repository when the Image is away on tour; a postal assistant to post items and additional help with the schools team. If you are interested in offering assistance in some way or for more information please contact Donna on 07940 228227.

### **ADOREMUS PRAYER GROUP**

The Adoremus Prayer Group meets this Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Guild Room for an hour's prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with song, praise, scripture reading and shared intercession. Come and spend this time with the Lord and one another in prayer and reflection.

### **FIRST AID COURSE**

We are holding a one day Emergency First aid at Work course on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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](mailto: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 pro rata. Contact Bedford Prison Chaplaincy on 01234 373054. Closing date 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### **DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2020**

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

### **CAFOD SUPPORTERS EVENT**

Come and hear from CAFOD's Director, Christine Allen, about her experience visiting our partners and giving input at global events. Date Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Venue: St Augustine's Church, 1 Langcliffe Drive, Heelands, Milton Keynes MK13 7PL. Time: 10.30am – 1.30pm. (coffee/tea from 10am with a shared lunch from 1.30pm). If you would like to attend, please call 01494 863777 or email [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk).

### **LAY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

There is a short course for Ministers of Holy Communion to be run on Wednesdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm-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 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **YEAR OF THE WORD FUNDRAISER**

The Bible Timeline Team is raising funds in order to pay for people from the local area to attend the Year of the Word Diocesan Scripture Festival on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a sumptuous fundraising dinner on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in St Gregory's Church Hall, 22 Park Avenue North, Northampton NN3 2HS. There are a limited number of tickets available, which are for a suggested donation of £12.50 each. Support for this event will help others to encounter the Word of God anew in their lives. To reserve a ticket please contact Alex Heath on 07966 3032175 or [heath@nores.org.uk](mailto:heath@nores.org.uk) or Catherine Mulligan on [mulligancatherine@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mulligancatherine@hotmail.co.uk).

#### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

Offertory

St Joseph's £1233.73

Our Lady's £329.89

Thank you.