

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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF THE YEAR**  
9<sup>th</sup> February 2020



## WELCOME

We welcome to our 9.30am Mass today the children and staff members of St Joseph's and St Gregory's Primary School. Our Catholic schools are important in the life of our community. Please support them.

## 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.

## WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

There will be second collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children next Sunday. Please take a card from the porch to send to the Prime Minister asking that he does not give parliamentary time to decriminalising abortion in England and Wales.

## Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am People of the Parish  
9.30am Innocent Ubaka Onu  
11.00am Anna Marie Keeshan, RIP  
6.30pm Pavel Sinarek

## Monday *St Scholastica*

10.45am Rose McDonald

## Tuesday *Our Lady of Lourdes*

7.30am Sandy Grove, RIP  
10.45am Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP

## Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Poussette Sacco, RIP

## Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Josephine Gleeson, RIP

## Friday *Ss Cyril & Methodius*

10.45am Mary Ryan

## Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*

10.45am Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP

## Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Edmond Connolly, RIP

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

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.**

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

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

**CLEANING:** Cummings, Petts, George, Odell

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Price

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

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 2

**Children's Liturgy:** Edward & Geraldine Byrne

## 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.

## **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.

## **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. Info: [www.northamptondiocese.org/wordfest](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/wordfest)

## **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 call 01234 352015 or contact [kevan@bdc-hospice.org.uk](mailto:kevan@bdc-hospice.org.uk).

## **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'.

## **FOODBANK**

Items needed: UHT fruit juice, long life sponge pudding, tinned rice pudding, toothbrushes, toilet rolls, rice (250/500g), disposable razors (male/female), washing up liquid, shaving foam/gel. These can be placed in the green bin at the back of the church in St Joseph's and the box in the porch at Our Lady's. Thank you for your continuing support.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

The diocesan Youth Office is hosting a Youth Ministry Conference on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March for all who would like to lead our young people to a closer encounter with Christ. The event is being held at the RE Centre in Luton. More details at [www.nymo.org/conference](http://www.nymo.org/conference) or call Fiona on 01582 720627.

## **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).

## **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. To reserve a ticket, please contact Catherine Mulligan on [mulligancatherine@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mulligancatherine@hotmail.co.uk) or Alex Heath on 07966 3032175 or [heath@nores.org.uk](mailto:heath@nores.org.uk).

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1288.43**

**Our Lady's £318.52**

**Thank you.**