

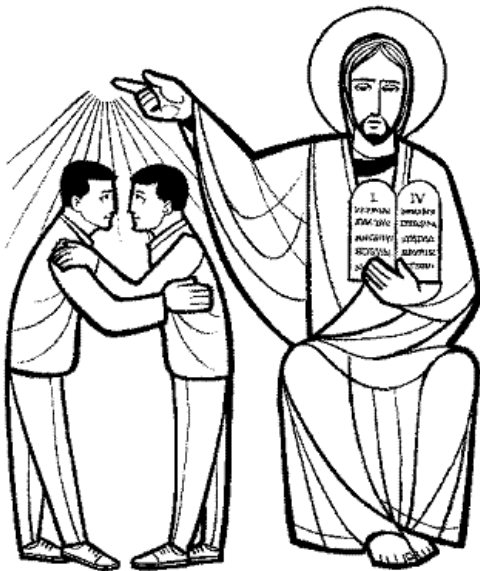
# St Joseph's, Bedford & Our Lady's, Kempston

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**SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF THE YEAR**  
16<sup>th</sup> February 2020



## 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.

## CONFESSIONS

As I will be concelebrating at the Farewell Mass this Saturday, Fr Gregory from the Polish Church, will be taking the Mass here but he is unable to stay for Confessions, so there will be no Confessions in St Joseph's this Saturday.

## WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

There will be second collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children today. 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	Ena Ryan, RIP
	9.30am	Bridget Lawler, RIP
	11.00am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Matko Vuković, RIP
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Alec Wells
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Kathleen Keenan, RIP
	10.45am	Frasisco Correia da Silva, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Gregoria Castillo, RIP
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	James Foy, RIP
Friday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Requiem: Sally Merrill
Saturday	<i>Chair of St Peter, Apostle</i>	
	10.45am	Abraham Tahalele, RIP

## Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Josephine Hoggard, RIP
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**Confessions: Saturday No Confessions this Saturday  
St Joseph's:**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**They are happy who follow God's law!**

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

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

**CLEANING:** Mukuze, Ngoro, Kahari.

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Redmond

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

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 3

**Children's Liturgy:** Michael Simmonds

## **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.

## **LENTEN RETREAT**

The season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. 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.

## **PARISH QUIZ**

Although a small number attended the Parish Quiz, a sum of £111.60 was raised for our parish project. Thanks to all who supported this fundraising event.

## **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.

## **AT THE GATES OF HEAVEN**

An evening of varied Church music through the ages sung by Cantamus Chamber Choir at Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street, Bedford on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 at the door.

## **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.

## **VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN**

This weekend is for young women (20s and 30s) who might be discerning a vocation to the religious life. It is from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March in Liverpool and organised by the Faithful Companions of Jesus. For more information contact Sr Lynne at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

*'Do you want the Lord to give you many graces? Visit him in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist and the devil will be powerless against you.'*

St John Bosco

## **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1059.37**

**Our Lady's £232.07**

**Thank you.**