

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

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY  
OF THE YEAR**  
23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

## Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Graham Barcow
	9.30am	José Castro-Gonzalez, RIP
	11.00am	Sally Merrill, RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday	<b>Feria</b>	
	10.45am	Paddy & Ena Ryan, RIP
Tuesday	<b>Feria</b>	
	7.30am	Tony Bull, RIP
	10.45am	Michaela Fornazarc
Wednesday	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
	7.30am	Ian Harper
	10.45am	Bridget Leydon, RIP
	7.30pm	Eileen & Harold Harlow, RIP
Thursday	<b>Feria</b>	
	10.45am	Pam Scott Crossley, RIP
Friday	<b>Feria</b>	
	10.45am	Joseph Cooke
Saturday	<b>Feria</b>	
	10.45am	Michael Smith, RIP

## Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Packie Gallagher, RIP
Wednesday	7.30pm	Helen Halpin, RIP

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The Lord is compassion and love.**

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

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

**CLEANING:** Daniels, Nwankwo, Okonkwo

**FLOWERS:** No flowers

**NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday of Lent**

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 4

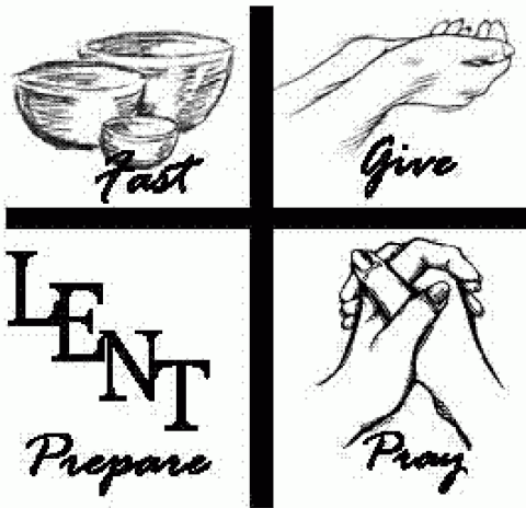
**Children's Liturgy:** Bimla Mathew

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be every Sunday during Lent beginning next Sunday 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.

## PASTORAL LETTER

A Pastoral Letter will be read at all Masses today.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

We begin the holy season of Lent this Wednesday with the blessing and distribution of ashes at all Masses. Lent affords us the opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord and seek reconciliation in the sacrament of Confession. This season also reminds us of the constant need to renew and nourish our spiritual lives through prayer, self-denial and works of charity in a more intense way. Spiritual spring-cleaning! Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

## 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.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

The next Confirmation class is this Saturday at 2.30pm in the Guild Room.

## **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.

## **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.

## **DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2020**

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

## **CAFOD APPEAL**

An appeal for the work of CAFOD will be made at all Masses in St Joseph's next Sunday and the following Saturday in Our Lady's. A second collection for CAFOD will be taken on the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## **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.

## **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.

## **SILENT VIGIL**

There is a Silent Vigil for the sanctity of life outside Bedford Hospital, Ampthill Road entrance this Saturday from 12noon to 1.15pm. All welcome.

## **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.

## **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ivan McGibbon. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1274.32**

**Our Lady's £192.46**

**Thank you.**

**SPUC Collection**

**St Joseph's £421.46**

**Our Lady's £24.57**