

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

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**THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT**
15th March 2020



Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Tom Williams, RIP
9.30am Special Intention
11.00am People of the Parish
6.30pm Tony Biele, RIP

Monday *Feria*
10.45am Mabel Blaney, RIP

Tuesday *St Patrick*
7.30am Eddie Haughey & Richard Breed
10.45am Angela Wilson, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*
10.45am Sharon Byrne, RIP

Thursday *St Joseph*
10.45am Patrick Cusack, RIP

Friday *Feria*
10.45am James Foy, RIP

Saturday *Feria*
10.45am Joan Bradley, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Sheila Green Intentions

FURTHER PRECAUTIONS

As the Coronavirus remains a threat, further precautions are to be put in place when we attend Mass. There will be no use of holy water, no sign of peace and Holy Communion to be received on the hand only and not on the tongue. Thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter and pray that this crisis may soon pass.

WELCOME

We welcome Bishop Raymond Mupa to St Joseph's today as he makes an appeal for his work in his diocese in Zimbabwe. A second collection will be taken at all Masses today.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The next Confirmation classes for candidates is this Saturday at 2.30pm in the Guild Room and the following Saturday at the same time. All must attend, please.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

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: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: Michael Simmonds

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.

LIFT TO MASS

An elderly lady seeks a lift to the 11.00am Mass each Sunday from Queen's Park. If anyone would be willing to offer a lift, please inform Canon Seamus. A DBS clearance may be required.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Volunteers are needed to help with the work of the Catholic chaplaincy team in Bedford Hospital. If interested, please see Canon Seamus or Deacon Kevin. DBS clearance will be required by the hospital.

WORDFEST 2020

A diocesan festival to celebrate the Year of the Word on Saturday 6th June in Thornton College, Bucks. Speakers, worship music, theatre, CAFOD Schools Team, National Scripture Tour and scripture tents and a large selection of workshops. Bring your own picnic lunch. Tickets at www.northamptondiocese.org/wordfest

LECTIO DIVINA

A parish Lent course on Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) is being offered to all on the Tuesdays of Lent 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 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 20th 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.

VOCATIONS DAY

The diocese of Northampton is holding a Vocations Day for men who might be thinking about the possibility of the priesthood, on Saturday 21st March from 10.00am to 4.00pm at the Holy Family Church, Luton LU3 3TA. If you would like to attend or know more, please contact Fr Andy at vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org.

MARIAN PROCESSION

To coincide with the rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary, there will be a Marian Procession at Ss Philip & James Church, Severn Way, Bedford on Sunday 29th March at 11.00am after the children's Mass, followed by a bring and share lunch. Please see noticeboard.

SS PHILIP & JAMES GOLF SOCIETY

The annual Charity golf Day takes place on Friday 29th May at Pavenham Park Golf Club. The selected charities are CHUMS and Living It UP. Sponsorship is sought. If you can help please see contact details on the noticeboard. Entry forms for playing golf and/or attending the dinner will be available from the middle of April and can be obtained for Mike Chappell at mikechappell43@btinternet.com or 07973 703340.

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 unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt amongst us.

Hail Mary...

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1278.82

Our Lady's £410.50

Thank you.

CAFOD

St Joseph's £976.33

Our Lady's £337.55