

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

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## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

### **PUBLIC MASSES CANCELLED**

As from this weekend there will be no public Masses on Sundays and weekdays until further notice at the request of the Bishop's Conference. The churches will, however, remain open for private prayer from 8.30am to 7.00pm in St Joseph's and from 10am to 5.00pm in Our Lady's. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday morning from 8.00am to 12 noon in St Joseph's and each day from 10.30am to 11.30am. Also, from 11.00am to 12 noon in Our Lady's on Sundays. In addition, there will be Exposition in St Joseph's from 10.30am to 7.00pm on Thursdays in the Reconciliation Chapel and in Our Lady's each Friday from 11am to 12 noon. Stations of the Cross may be said privately. I encourage you to make an Act of Spiritual Communion at this difficult time.

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as being already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

There will be an opportunity to continue your weekly offering by placing it in the box or basket situated near the altar, if you should visit the church on a Sunday.

### **Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford**

Sunday Nora Fulton, RIP

Monday *Feria*

Tuesday *Feria*

Wednesday *Annunciation of the Lord*

Thursday *Feria*

Friday *Feria*

Saturday *Feria*

### **Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston**

Saturday

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday 10.30am-7.00pm

**CLEANING:** Cummings, Petts, Odell

**FLOWERS:** No flowers

**NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Readers & Ministers:** None for the present

**Children's Liturgy:** None for the present

### **NEW BISHOP**

We warmly welcome our new bishop, David Oakley, ordained a bishop last Thursday in Northampton Cathedral by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster. We keep him in prayer as he begins his ministry among us. We also hold in prayer and give thanks for the ministry of Bishop Peter Doyle as he enters his retirement. A recording of the episcopal ordination can be viewed by going to [www.northamptondiocese.org/live](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/live)

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Booked Mass intentions will be said in private.

## REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND

The Re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary will take place in all the Catholic cathedrals in England next Sunday at 12 noon. The Act of Entrustment and other related prayers can be viewed at [www.behold2020.com](http://www.behold2020.com). We are invited to join in this by entrusting ourselves to Our Lady by saying the Angelus each day leading to the re-dedication.

### **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.*

## PRAYER OF PERSONAL ENTRUSTMENT

*O Holy Mother of God pray for us, and assist us as we dedicate ourselves this day. Your yes at the Annunciation brought our Saviour Jesus Christ into the world, and you invite us to contemplate the great mystery of the Incarnation, sharing your joy in announcing that "the Word was made flesh and lived among us." May our yes, this day, open our hearts to serve our brothers and sisters in this your Dowry, that they too may share our joy in the Good News that God walks among us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers and expectant mothers. May God's blessing come upon you.*

## QUARTERLY BULLETIN

The Quarterly Parish Bulletin is now available in the church. Please take a copy free. It is also available to view on our website.

## BISHOP RAYMOND

Bishop Raymond thanks us sincerely for the most generous response to his appeal last Sunday in St Joseph's, which raised £1172.66. Many thanks for your generous gift towards his work in Zimbabwe.

## 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.

## SS PHILIP & JAMES GOLF SOCIETY

The annual Charity golf Day takes place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mikechappell43@btinternet.com) or 07973 703340.

### **Be at Peace**

*Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in his arms. Do not fear what will happen to you tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.*

St Francis de Sales

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £899.90**

**Our Lady's £267.81**

**Bishop Raymond Appeal**

**£1172.66**

**Thank you.**