

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

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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### NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new offertory envelopes for St Joseph's are now available for collection from the presbytery. A gentle reminder to continue your financial support of the parish, please. See below for the different ways in which you can do this. If you gift aid your donations and have envelopes, then please continue to use them. Thank you.

### PARISH FINANCES

Please continue your financial support for our two parishes by posting cheques **to the above address** made payable to St Joseph's Parish, Bedford and Our Lady of Ransom, Kempston. **Address:** Our Lady's Church, 307 Bedford Rd, Kempston MK42 8QB. **Please see below an alternative for parish giving.** Thanks to all those continuing to give.

### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday

People of the Parish

Monday *Feria*

Canon John McAuley, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

Sandy Grove, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*

Bridget Leydon, RIP

Thursday *St Barnabas*

Maureen O'Brien

Friday *Feria*

Thomas Hyland, RIP

Saturday *St Anthony of Padua*

Catherine Malone, RIP

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday

**Confessions: Saturday None for the present  
St Joseph's:**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**To you glory and praise for evermore.**

**ROSARY:** None at present

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** None at present

**CLEANING:** None at present

**FLOWERS:** None at present

**NEXT SUNDAY: Corpus Christi**

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

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

### OPENING THE CHURCHES

Churches will be allowed to re-open from Monday 15th June for private prayer only. St Joseph's will, therefore, be open from 9.00am to 6.00pm Mon to Sat and 12noon to 6.00pm on Sunday. Our Lady's, Kempston from 10.00am to 5.00pm every day. One of the conditions is that we are able to man the church as far as possible. If you are able to give some time to this, please let me know.

## **GIVING TUESDAY**

This is another means of keeping up your weekly donations to the parish during the period of lockdown. Every Tuesday between 10.00am and 4.00pm you can call the Northampton Diocese on 01604 712065 and donate by debit or credit card to the parish of St Joseph, Bedford or Our Lady, Kempston. You can make a one-off donation to cover your missed Sunday offerings or call each week on a Tuesday. If the line is engaged please call back later or leave your contact details on the answer machine and someone will return your call.

## **APPEAL TO OPEN PLACES OF WORSHIP**

Bishop David is encouraging us to contact Robert Jenrick MP, Secretary of State for Communities to open our churches for at least private prayer in the next phase of the lockdown as we wait for a full lifting of the restrictions. Contact details:

House of Commons, London SW1 0AA or email: robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk or tel: 020 72197335.

## **CATHOLIC PAPERS**

At the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can have it delivered direct to your home every week, Postage Free. Please go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you.

## **SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE**

As there will be no diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham this summer, we are invited to follow a Spiritual Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June by going to [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

## **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.*

## **TRINITY SUNDAY REFLECTION**

The writer and poet T.S. Eliot wrote, "*Words strain, crack and sometimes break under the burden*", when we attempt to describe profound realities. The Trinity is one such reality. Not everything in life can be taught. Much that is of value can only be learned or 'picked up' from experience. An appreciation of God as Trinity can only be 'picked up' in a similar way. We can have a purely intellectual or theological knowledge of God but that only goes so far. The knowledge of God that is of true value can only be picked up through our experience of him in a loving relationship. Jesus never said, "*I am the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.*" He talked about his relationship with his Father; he talked about the Spirit who animated his own life. He told his disciples, "*he who sees me sees the Father.*" We can learn what God is like, then, by looking at Jesus. How does he react when people seek his help...bring the sick to him...show him love? What made sinners want to share their meals with him? What made hardened working fishermen get up and follow him? Jesus is a real person and we need to study him and form a relationship with him to find out what God is like. We need his help too. Our prayer needs to be: "Lord, show yourself to me in your scriptures and in the world." In the scriptures a picture emerges of the Father as lover and creator. Throughout the ages he has tried to tell mankind about himself, to reveal what he is like. Finally he sent his Son, Jesus, to show himself to us in human terms. And down the ages Christians have experienced the person of the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus to enable us to share his own life and bring us to the Father. It is this dynamic relationship of Trinitarian love that we are invited to share for all eternity. The Trinity is not, therefore, a puzzle to be solved but a mystery to be lived, to be experienced, to be celebrated! We are made in the image and likeness of God and that means we are made for relationship, for communion, for love. In loving, then, we learn to know God in the only way that is of lasting value.

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £545.00**

**Our Lady's £40.00**

**Thank you.**