

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

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ALL SAINTS

1st November 2020



ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Today we celebrate the feast of All Saints. We remember our brothers and sisters in the faith who have completed their earthly pilgrimage and now enjoy the life of the blessed in heaven. Then on Monday we pray in a special way for our deceased loved ones and all the faithful departed and assist them on their final journey to God with our prayers and Masses during this month of November.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

If you wish to include the names of your deceased loved ones in the daily Masses during the month of November, then please list them and place the list in the envelopes provided at the back of the church and return these to the presbytery or the church.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for peace, the gift of God.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Ronald Madtha, RIP
9.30am Jim Rafferty, RIP
11.00am Franciska Rozman, RIP
6.30pm Johnny Messiah, RIP

Monday *All Souls*

10.45am Linda Richardson, RIP

Tuesday *St Martin de Porres*

10.45am June Etheridge, RIP

Wednesday *St Charles Borromeo*

10.45am Holy Souls

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Edgar Surgeson, RIP

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Evelyn Foy, RIP

Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*

10.45am Holy Souls

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Alick & Rita Hellmund, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am–5.00pm

CLEANING: Cummings, Petts, Ngere

FLOWERS: Mrs Bino

NEXT SUNDAY: Thirty Second Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: None for the present

CONTACT TRACING

We have been strongly advised by the diocese and the Borough Council to acquire details of those who attend Sunday and weekday Masses in our churches. To this end, you are encouraged to volunteer your contact details (name and phone number or email address) as you enter the church on the sheet provided at the entrance. **Alternatively**, if you have downloaded the NHS COVID-19 app you can scan the QR Code which you will find on the blue poster as you enter St Joseph's or the noticeboard in the porch and on the noticeboard in Our Lady's.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

The blessing of graves during the month of November: Foster Hill Road today Sunday 1st Nov. Norse Road Sunday 8th Nov. Kempston Sunday 15th Nov. Each service will begin with prayers near the entrance to the cemetery at 2.30pm followed by the blessing of individual graves. Please let me know if there is a request to bless any graves in Wootton.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Tickets for our Christmas Draw this year are now on sale from today onwards at £2.50 a book. Prizes for the draw gratefully received and can be delivered to the presbytery or church.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

A series of online Zoom Sessions exploring the upcoming Lectionary Readings and Seasons of the Liturgical Year. Led by Mgr Kevin McGinnell and Alex Heath. Tuesday 17th Nov, Tuesday 19th Jan, and Tuesday 16th Feb, 7.30pm – 8.30pm. See poster for full details. Please register in advance: admin@nores.org.uk or 01582 723312 (ext 1). Once your booking is received you will be sent details of how to join the online Zoom sessions.

FATHER WARMOLL BOOKLET

An informative little booklet on the founder of The Holy Child & St Joseph Parish, Fr John Priestley Warmoll, 1830-1855. Cost is £3 per booklet, which can be placed in the wall-box marked Books.

SVP – KNOCK & DROP

The Bedford District of the SVP have been providing food parcels and support for vulnerable people during the COVID-19 pandemic. A box marked Knock & Drop is at the back of the church to place donations of non-perishable food. Please also let us know if you need any help or know of anyone who does. Call us 07399 507218.

SYLVIA WAWRYN RIP

Sylvia Wawryn's funeral service will take place on Monday 9th November at 1.00pm in St Joseph's.

LATIN MASS

Latin Mass of Reparation for Abortion in St Joseph's on Saturday 14th November at 12noon. Please book via Barbara Kay at mbky3@outlook.com

STAND UP AND SMILE

Sadly, abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All these conditions can be corrected. A cross party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK. Please visit www.standupandsmile.org.uk to email your MP asking to support the Bill.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

'There is only one misfortune: not to be a saint.' (Leon Bloy). There's the challenge, to be saints! Yes, you and me. Called to live the beatitudes of the gospel, called to walk with God every day. Today's feast is our feast because in all our lives there are times when we do achieve sanctity, when we are selfless, when we do the right thing despite the cost, when we perform acts of true love and kindness, when we are indeed holy. It's a matter of persevering, relying on the perennial grace and mercy of God. So if we keep trying, speaking the truth, trying not to be wrongly angry, jealous or spiteful. Trying to quell hateful feelings and seeking revenge. God sees our efforts and quickly comes to our aid, willing us on to perfection. He wants us to be supremely happy forever in heaven, but even now we can have a taste of that future happiness as we strive to live lives of holiness. A holy person is a happy person, hence the beatitudes in today's gospel. We begin to share the life and joy of God as we make our pilgrim way back to the Father's house. We struggle with our weak human nature but let that not discourage us. The work of holiness is God's. Let him in and begin that work.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £871.94

Our Lady's £330.65

Thank you.