

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

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

4th October 2020



Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Patricia Herbert, RIP
	9.30am	Fr John Duckett, RIP
	11.00am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Igor Hruškar
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	SVP Benefactors
Tuesday	<i>St Bruno</i>	
	10.45am	Evelyn Foy, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	
	10.45am	Mary Cox
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Melvin Bino
Friday	<i>St John Henry Newman</i>	
	10.45am	Vladimir Gmajner, RIP
Saturday	<i>Votive Mass of Our Lady</i>	
	10.45am	Jamie McAlister, RIP
Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston		
Saturday	6.00pm	Charles Glackin, RIP

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

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

The second of our First Communion Masses will be celebrated this Saturday at 2.00pm in St Joseph's. A reminder that there will be rehearsal this Friday in St Joseph's church at 5.30pm.

RETIRING COLLECTION

A retiring collection will be taken after all Masses today for Peter's Pence, which exists to help the poorer churches throughout the world.

CAFOD APPEAL

A retiring collection will also be taken next Sunday at all Masses for the work of CAFOD. Helping the poor in the developing world facing the worst of the coronavirus. This collection will help the poorest and most vulnerable in the world survive, rebuild and heal.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 10am – 5pm

CLEANING: Daniels, Nwankwo, Okonkwo

FLOWERS: Mrs Crow

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: None for the present

CONTACT TRACING

Whilst there is no legal requirement to do so, being a place of worship, 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.

PARENTS MEETING

There will be a talk to the parents of those children making their First Confession and Communion next year on Thursday of this week at 7.15pm in St Joseph's church. It is important that you attend, please.

EVC UGANDA SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICER

This charity is looking for a volunteer to help support its social media accounts, post updates and write up blogs. If this is something you may be interested in, please contact Ted Fawcett, Chairman on 01234 838134 or email tedfawcett@hotmail.com

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 in the box, especially tins of potatoes and fruit. Please also let us know if you need any help or know of anyone who does. Call us 07399 507218.

BEDFORD FOODBANK

The following items are needed for the Bedford Foodbank: cup-a-soup, tinned rice pudding, coffee, rice (small), toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand soap, anti-bac spray cleaners, washing up liquid, shower gel, laundry wash tablets, deodorant, cleaning cloths. These can be left in the green bin at the back of the church in St Joseph's or the box in Our Lady's.

SPUC PETITION

Pro-abortion MP's in Parliament want to stop pregnant women getting help outside abortion clinics by calling for buffer zones. SPUC is campaigning to save the right for peaceful pro-life vigils to take place. Many children have been saved because their mother received help to keep their unborn child. We can protect this vital work by signing the petition:

www.spuc.org.uk/SaveTheRightToSaveLives

REFLECTION

Our approach to life as Christians is characterised by an optimism which is rooted in a genuine hope and belief in the providence of God. So, for the Christian, there is no such thing as fate, there is no absolute predetermination and no coincidences, only the providence of God. This does not make much sense to the unbeliever but we believe that all will be well, not because it seems to be well or that we need to believe it to be well but because we know and trust the God that will make it well. In adversity, in temptation, in illness, in a pandemic and even in death, we know that the clue, the keystone to renewal and life is before us in the presence of Jesus Christ, the most dramatic and visible manifestation of the providence of God. Christian providence is like a no-lose gamble because at every turn there is an option to win. After every disappointment, there is a new offer of hope. Even in the face of death there is hope of a new beginning with the promise of eternal life. Surely then, we have nothing further to fear! Our belief in the providence of God makes all the difference. We are at home in God's world, his good creation. Sometimes puzzled at its ways but always confident in our ultimate destiny: *'Someday to gaze on thee, face to face in light and be blest forever with thy glory's sight.'* (St Thomas Aquinas)

ONLINE WEBINARS

The diocesan Pastoral Ministry Office is hosting a series of online webinars on Monday evenings through the autumn. Topics include reaching out to the needy, building community, prayer and spirituality, and catechesis. For more information and to register go to:

www.postlockdownchurch.eventbrite.co.uk

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Caroline Williams, Andrew McIntosh and Ortensia Burkett. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £916.84

Our Lady's £385.00

Thank you.