

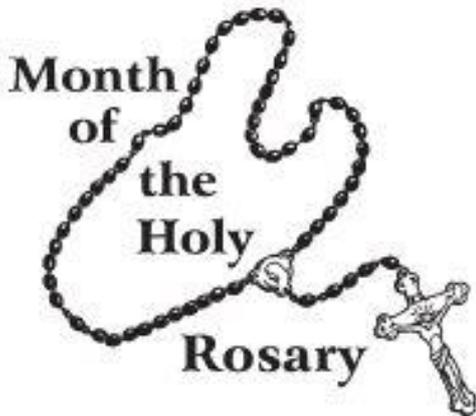
St Joseph's, Bedford & Our Lady's, Kempston

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**TWENTY EIGHTH
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
11th October 2020



Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Fr Christopher Tuckwell, RIP
	11.00am	Compertz, RIP
	6.30pm	Nerissa Corpuz
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Michael Maple
Tuesday	<i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	
	10.45am	Maurice & Margaret Harris
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Fernanda Miranda, RIP
Thursday	<i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	
	10.45am	Dennis Gilbert, RIP
Friday	<i>St Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	
	10.45am	Kaziou Family
Saturday	<i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	
	10.45am	Sylvie & Ahnee Ha-Cheng

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Charles Glackin, RIP
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CAFOD APPEAL

A retiring collection will be taken after all Masses today 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 survive, rebuild and heal. Please use the envelopes provided in the porch.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

A further retiring collection will be taken after all Masses next Sunday for the World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to this collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. You can also donate online by calling 020 7821 9755 or visiting www.missio.org.uk/donate.

THE ROSARY

This is the month of the Holy Rosary, a powerful prayer before God. Maybe we could promise to say it every day for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. Great miracles are worked through this prayer.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 10am – 5pm

CLEANING: Cummings, Petts, Ngere

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond & Mrs Vaz

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

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.

STEWARDS NEEDED

We can only keep the church open for private prayer if there are stewards on duty between 12noon and 5pm each day in St Joseph's. If you can donate your time for an hour or two, please let me know.

FATHER WARMOLL BOOKLET

A small booklet on the life of Fr John Priestley Warmoll, the founder of this parish of the Holy Child & St Joseph, is now on sale at £3 from the back of the church. A very good read on this saintly priest, apostle of Bedford. Money can be placed in the wall-box marked 'Books'. We thank Michael Simmonds for compiling the booklet with the approval and assistance of Jack Robins, the author who wrote the original biography.

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. Please also let us know if you need any help or know of anyone who does. Call us 07399 507218.

PRISONS WEEK

Week of Prayer for prisoners begins this week. We pray for all those connected with prisons including prison staff and families of prisoners as well as prisoners themselves, especially as the COVID crisis has prevented any prison visits at present, increasing that sense of isolation.

CATHOLIC BEDFORD

Visit www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com for news in the Bedford Pastoral Area.

GOSPEL REFLECTION MT 22:1-14

Heaven is described as a great wedding feast to which all are invited. But many reject the invitation, having better things to do. They are simply not interested, concerned more with the things of this world. We are those who have received the invitation. How shall we answer it? With indifference, with scepticism; too good to be true? With a no thanks; maybe another time, too busy now? Or with an overwhelming sense of joy and privilege that we have been at all considered? God wants us to enter into his joy, to share his life for eternity. We would be foolish to turn away from such an invitation, hence the importance of keeping that invitation in view so that we don't forget. As we live our lives in this world we make preparation to enter the next by living lives of goodness, faith and holiness. This is the meaning of the wedding garment mentioned at the end of the parable. We cannot be presumptuous and think that no matter how we live we will get in to the feast anyway. I remember a poster saying, 'How much can I get away with and still go to heaven?!' Dangerous thinking! We are to wear the garment of holiness and good works if we are to be warmly received into the feast of heaven. That is our guarantee, our entrance ticket. And holiness is simply that attitude of heart which seeks to walk with God every day. So let us keep on walking until we can sit together at the heavenly banquet.

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 Ortensia Birkett and David Huxley. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1219.29

Our Lady's £328.10

Thank you.

Peter's Pence

St Joseph's £205.14

Our Lady's £74.40