

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

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**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR**
27th September 2020



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to now Father Daniel Rooke on his ordination to the priesthood yesterday. We welcome him as he says his first Mass with us at 11.00am today. We keep him in prayer as he starts out on his priestly ministry in the diocese and give thanks to God for his vocation. Fr Daniel will begin that ministry in St Augustine's Parish, High Wycombe after a suitable break. Please continue to pray for more priestly vocations for our diocese and for all our priests and religious who labour in the Lord's vineyard.

FIRST COMMUNION 2021

Enrolment forms for First Communion classes beginning this autumn are now available from the sacristy. We are limiting numbers to 20 children who regularly attend Mass here. Forms must be returned to the presbytery by today.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Leydon Family, RIP
	9.30am	John Orr, RIP
	11.00am	Fr John Duckett, RIP
	6.30pm	John Fawcett
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Franc Rozman, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	
	10.45am	Mary Wright, RIP
Wednesday	<i>St Jerome</i>	
	10.45am	Michael Smith, RIP
Thursday	<i>St Teresa of the Child Jesus</i>	
	10.45am	Malcolm De Souza
Friday	<i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	
	10.45am	Betty Mee, RIP
Saturday	<i>Votive Mass of Our Lady</i>	
	10.45am	Julija & Selvestras, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Alena Kovacova
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**Confessions: Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)
St Joseph's:**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Remember your mercy, Lord.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 10am – 5pm

CLEANING: Mukuze, Kahari, Ngoro

FLOWERS: Mrs Crow

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: None for the present

CONTACT TRACING

Whilst there is no legal requirement to do so 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 from tomorrow onwards. These details will be kept for 21 days each time before being destroyed.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass.

CONFIRMATION MASS

Bishop David will be with us again this Thursday at 7.30pm when he will be conferring the sacrament of Confirmation on 21 young members of the parish. Please hold them in prayer as they receive this important sacrament which aids us on our journey of faith.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Pray also for the children who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion this Saturday and the following Saturday. A reminder that there will be rehearsal this Friday in St Joseph's church at 5.30pm.

PASTORAL AREA MASS

A Mass to celebrate the work of the Bedford Pastoral Area will be celebrated this Friday at Holy Cross Church, Goldington Road at 7.30pm and which will be live-streamed. All are welcome. A candle will be lit for each parish of the Pastoral Area as a sign of our desire to work together for the building up of the Catholic faith here in Bedford.

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. You can speak to Canon Seamus or 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.

ONLINE WEBINARS

The diocesan Pastoral Ministry Office is hosting a series of online webinars on Monday evenings through the autumn. We began last Monday with Bishop David reflecting on the last six months and posing some key questions. Other 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

RETIRING COLLECTION

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

REFLECTION

I don't know about you but I'm getting Covid weary! With these new restrictions being enforced it feels to me that joy and spontaneity are being sucked out of life! How do we hold on to that sense of Christian joy and hope? Cling to Jesus! And I mean cling. He is the source of our hope and joy and the guarantee of it. *'Come to me all you who are weary and over-burdened and I will give you rest.'* How relevant and comforting is that invitation. Only he can solace us at this time. So come to him each day in prayer and know the truth of this promise. Sit quietly in his presence and feel his closeness and comforting arm around you. Discouragement and despondency are the trick of the devil. He wants us devoid of joy and hope. Don't let him in. He is the great deceiver. Come close to God and he will come close to you. Shelter under him and feel the power of his protection over you. In the words of St Teresa of Avila: *'Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten, for all things pass save God who does not change. Hold God and nothing will fail you, for He alone is all.'*

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1192.00

Our Lady's £376.50

Thank you.