

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

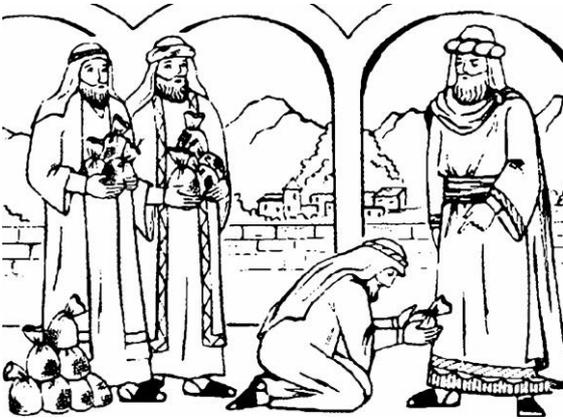
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## THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

15<sup>th</sup> November 2020



### CHURCH OPENING TIMES

St Joseph's church will be open for private prayer from 10.00am to 5.00pm each day. Our Lady's, Kempston, will be open from 11.00am to 1.00pm daily and for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 11.00am-12.30pm and on Fridays from 2.30pm-3.30pm. Adoration on Thursdays in St Joseph's will continue as normal. Confessions Saturdays 11.30am-12.30pm.

### BLESSING OF GRAVES

The blessing of graves has been postponed to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December at Norse Road and Kempston respectively.

### CHRISTMAS DRAW

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

### REQUIESANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jadwiga Kowzłowska and Alick and Rita Hellmund. May they rest forever in the peace of the Lord.

### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday People of the Parish

Monday *St Margaret of Scotland*  
Holy Souls

Tuesday *Feria*

Holy Souls

Wednesday *Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul*  
William Orr, RIP

Thursday *Feria*

Holy Souls

Friday *St Edmund*

James Foy, RIP

Saturday *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Holy Souls

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

**ROSARY:** Daily at 10.20am

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday 11.30am–5.00pm

**CLEANING:** Daniels, Okonkwo

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Price

**NEXT SUNDAY: Christ the King**

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 1

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

### CONTACT TRACING

We have been advised by the diocese and the Borough Council to acquire details of those who visit 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.

## **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 17<sup>th</sup> Nov, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan, and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7.30pm – 8.30pm. See poster for full details. Please register in advance: [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto: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.

## **HOLY LAND ONLINE COURSE**

Pilgrimage People invite us to view an online course over the four weeks of Advent on the various pilgrimage sites in the Holy Land. The cost of the course is £60 running each Wednesday in December before Christmas from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. The talks will be recorded, allowing us to either attend the course live or watch in our own time. To register interest and for further details please email [info@pilgrimagepeople.org](mailto:info@pilgrimagepeople.org) or call 0800 6123423.

## **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.

*‘Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, not even if your whole world seems upset. If you find that you have wandered away from the shelter of God, lead your heart back to Him quietly and simply.’*

St Francis de Sales

## **REFLECTION Mt 25:14-30 & 1 Thess 5:1-6**

Saint Paul, writing to the Thessalonians, tells them not to be wasting their time wondering when the end of the world is going to come. That will come in God’s good time. We ought to be concerned about how good we make the time we have now. We ought to seize the moment to do good every day. Some people sleep-walk through life, Paul tells us. Sometimes we are those people. Wake up, he says. You know the light has come into the world, in Jesus Christ. How can you act as if you still live in the dark? How can you behave as if you know nothing? Lots of people still live in the dark of unbelief. Damaged lives are darkened by sorrows. Destructive people darken the world for all of us. Pandemics do the same! But we do not belong to darkness or the night. We are children of the day and therefore children of hope. Jesus is well aware of the differences that people experience in life: in wealth or poverty, health or sickness, care or neglect, tranquillity or trouble. In his parable of the talents he does not let differences prejudice anyone’s standing in the eyes of God. Five talents, two talents, one talent makes no difference. What God asks and expects of us is that we do our best with what life gives us: that an honest attempt be made to live positively and genuinely before God as people of faith. Suffering and set-backs may come our way. Days of depression, feelings of failure come to all of us. The sense of having lost our way, of having missed our chances, can be very painful. In these experiences we suffer the same torments as Christ. But that is not failure. Failure is the refusal to try and live as a chosen child of God, as someone who can make a difference even in a very small way. Those little acts of goodness and love hold back the tide of evil and disperse the darkness. Learning to appreciate the gift of life and to make our personal contribution to it, that is our calling as children of light. Then, one day, the Lord himself will greet us with those most glorious words: “Well done, you have been faithful in small things, come and join in your Master’s happiness.”

### **LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS**

**Offertory**

**St Joseph’s £**

**Our Lady’s £**

**Thank you.**