

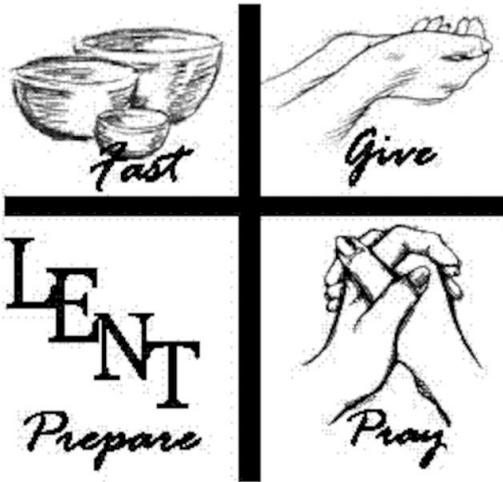
# St Joseph's, Bedford & Our Lady's, Kempston

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**FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT**  
21<sup>st</sup> February 2021



## Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Mary McGee, RIP
	11.00am	Fett, RIP
	6.30pm	Gregory Bloch, RIP
Monday	<i>Chair of St Peter</i>	
	10.45am	Bridie & Michael Slattery, RIP
Tuesday	<i>St Polycarp</i>	
	10.45am	Veronica Nsoyuni, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Tony Hurd
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Mr & Mrs Forestall, RIP
Friday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Mary Orr, RIP
Saturday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Janette Stokes, RIP

## Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Margaret Cullinan, RIP
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## CAFOD APPEAL

There will be a short talk at the end of Mass today about the work of CAFOD and next week's retiring collection for that work. Please take an envelope for this purpose from the back of the church.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross today and every Sunday during Lent at 4.00pm in St Joseph's and Our Lady's. In this prayerful devotion we meditate on the passion and death of Christ.

## LENT TALKS

A series of Zoom Lent Talks begins this Wednesday and every Wednesday during Lent 12.30pm – 1.00pm. The title of the talks is: Coping with Crisis – The Church's Response to Covid. Join us on Zoom: ID: 851 0501 4603. Passcode: 942352. See poster on church noticeboard for full details.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.**

**ROSARY:** Daily at 10.20am

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

**CLEANING:** Kahari, Ndoro

**FLOWERS:** None for the present

**NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Lent**

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 3

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

## CONTACT TRACING

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 and on the noticeboard in Our Lady's.

## VIGILANCE

We must remain vigilant regarding the rules already in place for places of worship, especially to avoid mingling with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.

## **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE-NEW DATES**

New dates have been arranged for the Holy Land pilgrimage: 27<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Please inform Pilgrimage People if you still wish to go on this parish pilgrimage at:

[info@pilgrimagepeople.org](mailto:info@pilgrimagepeople.org). If others wish to join the pilgrimage, please let me know as soon as possible.

## **SURPLUS GIFT SALE**

We have set a date for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March for the Surplus Gift Sale. Donations appreciated and can be left at the presbytery or the church.

## **LEARNING ABOUT THE FAITH**

If you would like to know more about the faith consider joining online to follow the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies or the Diocesan Certificate in Religious Studies. Both courses offer the same 8 modules in scripture and Catholic theology. To find out more contact Steve O'Brien: [obrien@nores.org.uk](mailto:obrien@nores.org.uk) or for an application form contact Ann Collon: [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk). Visit [www.nores.org.uk/AdultEducationCCRS](http://www.nores.org.uk/AdultEducationCCRS)

## **BEDFORD FOODBANK**

The Bedford Foodbank requires the following items: Deodorant, long-life sponge puddings, toilet rolls, 100g jars of coffee, 500g bags of sugar, small tins of meat (up to 300g), liquid hand soap and bars of soap. These can be placed in the green bin in St Joseph's church and the cardboard box in Our Lady's. Thank you.

## **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE**

This parish pilgrimage has now been postponed to 14<sup>th</sup> – 21st September 2021. Anyone interested in going, please contact Mary Frost on 304014 or 07708 264054.

## **SVP APPEAL**

Please continue to support Knock & Drop with donations of non-perishable food which can be left at the back of the church in the designated box.

## **CAFOD-WALK FOR WATER**

During Lent Rosemary Mitchell and Mary Frost will be doing 10,000 steps a day for Walk for Water CAFOD Appeal. This is in aid of water projects to transform people's lives in the developing world. If you would like to sponsor the walk please sign the form at the back of the church with the amount you wish to donate.

## **40 PENCE FOR 40 DAYS**

Another opportunity to give this Lent with the Bedford Foodbank 40 for 40 challenge. By giving up 40 pence a day for the 40 days of Lent you can raise enough to help support a local family in crisis this Easter. All you have to do is find an old jam jar or similar container and start collecting. The money saved can then be handed into the church.

## **CATHOLIC ONLINE RADIO**

Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio is an online radio broadcasting features like prayers, interviews and music to appeal to a Catholic audience. They have many podcasts and broadcast over 40 daily Masses from 15 churches in England and Ireland from their website [www.heavensroadfm.com](http://www.heavensroadfm.com)

## **OUR LADY'S KEMPSTON**

Our Lady's Church, Kempston is open every day from 11am – 1.00pm for private prayer. In addition there is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday from 11am – 12noon and each Friday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

## **REQUIESCANT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Audrey Robinson and John Spencer. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

*'God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters... No one is useless and no one is expendable.'*

Pope Francis

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1552.70**

**Our Lady's £231.50 Thank you.**