

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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**
2nd May 2021



Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Daphne Smith
	11.00am	Angela Pichowicz, RIP
	6.30pm	Patricia Peachey
Monday	<i>Ss Philip & James</i>	
	10.45am	Sandy Grove, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Martyrs of England & Wales</i>	
	10.45am	John Surgeson, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Bill & Teresa Conway, RIP
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Evelyn Foy, RIP
Friday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Julija, Elena, Valerija, RIP
Saturday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Andrew Hinde

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Carlos Sibal, RIP
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**Confessions: Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)
St Joseph's:**

PRAYER MARATHON

Pope Francis is initiating a Prayer Marathon during the whole month of May, inviting us to pray every day and, if possible, the Rosary, for an end to the pandemic. Various shrines throughout the Catholic world will be part of this prayer initiative. So please give the month of May, the month of Our Lady, over to this great prayer effort, imploring God's intervention, his mercy and his healing.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

The parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land will be from 25th April to 2nd May 2022. Price: £1,540 per person sharing. Single rooms available at a supplement of £280. Booking forms available by contacting office@pilgrimagepeople.org or phone 0800 6123423. Completed forms to be returned with a deposit of £400 with balance due by 7th February 2022.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-5.00pm

CLEANING: Kahari, Ndoro

FLOWERS: Mrs Crow

NEXT SUNDAY: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: None for the present

CATHOLIC BASICS

This course is a basic introduction to the Catholic faith in four parts to be delivered in four evening Zoom presentations from 7.00pm to 8.30pm every Monday during the month of June starting on 7th June. To book, please contact Ann Collon at admin@nores.org.uk or tel: 01582 723312.

SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

A service for survivors of abuse is to be held this Tuesday from Northampton Cathedral at 6.00pm led by Bishop David Oakley. The service will be live-streamed. Please visit:

www.northamptondiocese.org/live

SUMMER WEBINAR SERIES

Divine Renovation Read-Along.

Mondays from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Register:
www.pastoralministryoffice.org/event/readalong.

Catch up with any sessions missed on
www.pastoralministryoffice.org/summerwebinars

SVP KNOCK & DROP

Please continue to donate non-perishable food items to the SVP Knock & Drop initiative. You can place items in the marked box at the back of the church in St Joseph's and Our Lady's. Thank you.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

This parish pilgrimage is from 14th to 21st September 2021. Contact Mary Frost on 07708 264054.

SS PHILIP & JAMES GOLF DAY

The 30th SS Philip & James Golf Society Charity Golf Day is scheduled to take place on Friday 4th June 2021 at Pavenham Park Golf Club. This year we are supporting CHUMS and LIVING IT UP EVENTS CIC. As usual, we are looking for sponsorship (our main source of income), so if you can help, please contact us. Any donations will be greatly appreciated and these can be cash or a prize for the raffle or auction. We are not able to hold our usual dinner in the evening because of Covid restrictions. Entry forms now available for golfers. Please contact Mike Chappell on 07973 703340 or mikechappell43@btinternet.com

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

This charity exists to help Christians in the Holy Land, especially at this difficult time for them when few pilgrims are travelling there. FHL is organising fundraising by inviting people to join a virtual pilgrimage in the Holy Land which can be sponsored as you walk the pilgrimage tour. Alternatively, you can send a donation to FHL, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth CV8 2DH. Please visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost or email office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or 01926 512980.

STATEMENT OF BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

It is the Eucharist, the celebration of the Mass, that makes the Church; and it is the Church, the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes the Eucharist. The Holy sacrifice of the Mass is the lifeblood of the Church. It requires our active participation and, to be fully celebrated, our physical presence. At this moment, then, we need to have in our sights the need to restore to its rightful centrality in our lives the Sunday Mass, encouraging each to take his or her place once again in the assembly of our brothers and sisters. We face the task of seeking to nurture the sense of Sunday as a weekly gift from God to his people and something we cannot do without; to see Sunday as the soul of the week, as giving the light and meaning to all the responsibilities we live each day; to see the Sunday Eucharist as food for the unique mission with which we have been endowed.

CAFOD WALK FOR WATER

A total of £1,220 was donated to the sponsored CAFOD Walk for Water. Many thanks for your great generosity and to Mary Frost and Rosemary Mitchell for stepping out in support of this initiative in aid of such a vital need.

40 PENCE FOR 40 DAYS

Thanks, also, to all who met the 40 Pence for 40 Days challenge in aid of the Bedford Foodbank which raised £480.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of David Price, Lilly Caruso and Mary Mullen.

'Remember that you are never alone. Christ is with you on your journey every day of your lives! He has called you and chosen you to live in the freedom of the children of God. Turn to him in prayer and in love. Ask him to grant you the courage and strength to live in this freedom always. Walk with him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.'

Pope Francis

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory St Joseph's £1033.76
Priests' Training Fund St Joseph's £352.55

Our Lady's £264.31
Our Lady's £93.80

Thank you.