

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

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**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**  
25<sup>th</sup> April 2021



## Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

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|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday    | 8.15am                       | Ronald Madtha, RIP          |
|           | 9.30am                       | People of the Parish        |
|           | 11.00am                      | Martin Nsoyuni, RIP         |
|           | 6.30pm                       | Michael Kinsella, RIP       |
| Monday    | <i>Feria</i>                 |                             |
|           | 10.45am                      | Laura & Delia Rossetto, RIP |
| Tuesday   | <i>Feria</i>                 |                             |
|           | 10.45am                      | Giuseppe & Luigi Zonte, RIP |
| Wednesday | <i>St Louis de Montfort</i>  |                             |
|           | 10.45am                      | Bryan Chanpda               |
| Thursday  | <i>St Catherine of Siena</i> |                             |
|           | 10.45am                      | Eileen Cusack, RIP          |
| Friday    | <i>Feria</i>                 |                             |
|           | 10.45am                      | Oliver Rennie               |
| Saturday  | <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>  |                             |
|           | 10.45am                      | Francis Ajab Formin, RIP    |

## Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

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| Saturday | 6.00pm | Leo Plummer |
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## VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Today is the World day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray for more priestly and religious vocations especially for our diocese and remember in prayer those students now preparing for the priesthood, especially Liam Castle, who will be ordained to the priesthood on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. There is a retiring collection for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund today after all Masses.

## CAFOD WALK FOR WATER

Mary Frost and Rosemary Mitchell have completed their CAFOD Walk for Water. Those who kindly sponsored them are asked to hand in their promised donations as soon as possible, please. We will have the final total donated by next Sunday. Thanks to all who sponsored the walk.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.**

**ROSARY:** Daily at 10.20am

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

**CLEANING:** Cummings, Petts, Ngere

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Bino

**NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Readers:** Rota Week 4

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

## 40 PENCE FOR 40 DAYS

Those who took up this challenge for the Bedford Foodbank are asked to hand the money saved into the church or presbytery as soon as you can, please. We should have the final total by next week. Thanks to all who contributed.

## FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for peace, in particular for Myanmar, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen.

## **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](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost) or email [office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](mailto:office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk) or call 01926 512980.

## **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 in the church porch at Our Lady's. Thank you.

## **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE**

This parish pilgrimage is from 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021. Contact Mary Frost on 304014 or 07708 264054.

## **SS PHILIP & JAMES GOLF DAY**

The 30<sup>th</sup> SS Philip & James Golf Society Charity Golf Day is scheduled to take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mikechappell43@btinternet.com)

## **REQUIESCANT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pauline McGettigan, David Price and Lilly Caruso. May they rest in the peace of the risen Lord.

## **VOCATIONS SUNDAY John 10:11-18**

The word vocation means 'a calling' and everyone has that in some way or another. Their minds are set upon a way of life of some kind. Today we are thinking of that special call to follow Christ in a particular way, either in the priesthood or the religious life. And this call, like God's call to all Christians, comes in the ordinary events and circumstances of life. If you were to ask the pope, our bishop or any priest, deacon, religious sister or brother how they knew that God wanted them to follow him further along the path of their baptismal commitment, they would tell you, in 99 cases out of a 100, that the call came to them through some person or some event as a very normal part of their growth and development as human beings and children of God. God's call is always in relation to other people, never in isolation and never solely for personal benefit. God's call is always for others, whether as a lay-person or the clerical or religious state. Of the two groups which are found in the Church today neither is better than the other; each is called to live the Christian life to the full. But those who follow Christ as priests or religious face a special challenge. They must declare themselves publicly for Jesus and so they must follow him publicly. They cannot hide from life but must give glory to God by sharing their life, the life of Christ, with others. Whether or not our following of Christ is publicly expressed, we cannot lose sight of this high ideal. And as members of the Church we cannot lose sight of the constant need to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. So parents, never discourage the sign of a vocation in your family. And to those who may be giving thought to a priestly or religious calling, don't be afraid to approach a priest or religious sister or brother to share your thoughts. Pray this day for an increase in good vocations. The survival of the Church and her vitality depend upon this. Pray, too, for those already engaged in this work for the Lord, for perseverance and joy in their holy calling.

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1127.00**

**Our Lady's £324.55**

**Thank you.**