

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

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**SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**  
9<sup>th</sup> May 2021



## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

This Thursday is the feast of the Ascension of the Lord which recalls how Jesus, after his resurrection, returned to his Father in heaven. But he is always with us as promised, especially in the Mass, to aid us on our journey of faith to our homeland in heaven. He has gone to prepare a place for us and so we keep our eyes and hearts fixed on our eternal home whilst we make our pilgrim way on earth. This feast is normally designated as a Holy Day of Obligation but the obligation remains suspended. However, attending Mass on this feast is a good action and an expression of our faith and gratitude for what the Lord has done for us, opening for us the way to eternal life. Mass times listed.

## TALK TO PARENTS

There is a talk to the parents of the children making their First Holy Communion next month this Wednesday at 7.00pm in St Joseph's church.

## Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Rosamma Paulose & Paulose Mathai
	9.30am	Jenny Howe
	11.00am	John Pichowicz, RIP
	6.30pm	Brian Sibly, RIP
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Alessandro Argenio
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Ann Simmonds
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Joe Byrne
Thursday	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	
	7.30am	Michael Foley, RIP
	10.45am	Rosalind Richardson, RIP
	7.30pm	People of the Parish
Friday	<i>St Matthias</i>	
	10.45am	Derek Ruff
Saturday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Raju Thomas

## Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Pauline McGettigan, RIP
Thursday	7.30pm	Alick & Rita Hellmund, RIP

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

**ROSARY:** Daily at 10.20am

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

**CLEANING:** Daniels, Okonkwo

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Crow

**NEXT SUNDAY: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Readers:** Rota Week 2

**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 – 8.30pm every Monday during the month of June starting on 7<sup>th</sup> June. To book, please contact Ann Collon at [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) or phone 01582 723312.

## SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday for the Catholic Mass Media of Communication.

## **PRAYER MARATHON**

Pope Francis has initiated 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. So, united in prayer, we implore God's intervention, his mercy and his healing.

## **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

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

## **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 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021. Contact Mary Frost on 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)

## **DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2021**

It is a bit late in appearing, but the new Diocesan Directory for 2021 is now on sale at the back of the church at £3 per copy. Please place money in the wall-box marked Books.

## **THY KINGDOM COME**

This is an ecumenical prayer initiative inviting us to pray with Christians across the world each day between the Ascension and Pentecost, 13<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May. Pray for five people you know to come closer to the Lord. Pray for families. Pray for those who have lost contact with the Church. Pray in whatever way you can. Check out [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) for downloadable resources and ideas including Catholic daily prayer, a novena, Journey with Mary and a prayer journal.

## **LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP 2021**

This is for 12-18 year olds at Alton Castle, Staffs. Five days of fun and activities where young Catholics gain formation and friendships. Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July from 3pm to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August until 2pm. Cost: £225 for camping (provide your own tent). £275 for dormitory. £50 for online camp. A non-refundable deposit when booking. Included in the price are accommodation, all food, daily Mass and Reconciliation, all activities including trekking, climbing, a day at Alton Towers Theme Park, biking, archery, camp-fires and much more. For information and to go to the bookings page visit [www.nymo.org/summercamp](http://www.nymo.org/summercamp)

## **CORONAVIRUS INDIA**

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal to help Caritas India can be made online: [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give)

## **REQUIESCANT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of David Price and Mary Mullen. May they rest in the peace of the risen Lord.

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £940.38**

**Our Lady's £245.50**

**Thank you.**