

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

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**  
16<sup>th</sup> May 2021



## **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.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> June. To book, please call Ann Collon 01582 723312 or email at [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk).

## **RETIRING COLLECTION**

Retiring collection today for the Catholic Mass Media of Communications.

## **Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford**

Sunday 8.15am Aleyamma Joseph & Joseph Varkey  
9.30am Tom McGee, RIP  
11.00am Liubor Mikiforova, RIP  
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Johnny Cotter, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

10.45am Bro. Joseph Kurisunkal, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Tom, Mary & Karen Kelly

Thursday *St Bernadine of Siena*

10.45am James Foy, RIP

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Jose V.A. RIP

Saturday *Feria*

10.45am Irene & Lilian Surgeson

## **Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston**

Saturday 6.00pm Sean Walsh

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

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**The Lord has set his sway in heaven.**

**ROSARY:** Daily at 10.20am

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

**CLEANING:** Cummings, Petts, Ngere

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Crow

**NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost Sunday**

**Readers:** Rota Week 3

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

## **DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2021**

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.

## **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)

## **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)

## **THY KINGDOM COME**

This is an ecumenical prayer initiative inviting us to pray with Christians across the world each day until the feast of Pentecost next Sunday. 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.

[www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) for downloadable resources and Catholic daily prayer.

## **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)

## **REQUIESCANT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Mullen. May she rest in the peace of the risen Lord.

## **REFLECTION**

Over these many months of lockdown we have become used to the mantra Hands-Face-Space. But there is more to life than this! For us Christians there is Faith, Hope and Charity. Jesus is the ground of our being and therefore he is the source of our hope, he is the guarantor of our ultimate well-being. Placing ourselves in his providential care and love gives us the only security that we need and so removes fear from our hearts. We can renew that sense of his loving presence each day through prayer which restores calm to our troubled hearts in the knowledge that he is near and accompanies us at this difficult time. Let not our faith waver in this time of trial because God never abandons his children. In the preface for the feast of the Ascension we celebrated last week we read that Christ "has past beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope...where he has gone, we hope to follow." And he promises: "*Know that I am with you always; yes to the end of time.*" Mt. 28:20. Let these words of our Lord assure us and be our comfort as we make our pilgrim way through this uncertain world to that world where we shall exult forever with our risen and glorified Lord.

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1089.50**

**Our Lady's £329.00**

**Thank you.**