

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

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PENTECOST
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Covid and lockdown has severely restricted the service of lay ministers of the Eucharist. As the situation opens up we have a chance to thank God for what has been possible. To this end, Bishop David invites all who have served as lay Ministers of Communion to pray a Holy Hour with him on the feast of Corpus Christi 6th June at 3.00pm at Northampton Cathedral or by live-stream: www.northamptondiocese.org. See poster for details.

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.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Ronald Madtha, RIP
	9.30am	Liliana Caruso, RIP
	11.00am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Michael Kinsella, RIP
Monday		Mary, Mother of the Church
	10.45am	Mercy Mathai
Tuesday		St Bede the Venerable
	10.45am	Kathleen Keenan, RIP
Wednesday		St Philip Neri
	10.45am	Cawley Family
Thursday		Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
	10.45am	Mary Cox, RIP
Friday		Feria
	10.45am	SVP Benefactors
Saturday		Votive Mass of Our Lady
	10.45am	Special Intention (Shannon)

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Marykuty Joseph & Jose
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**Confessions: Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)
St Joseph's:**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-5.00pm

CLEANING: Ndoro, Kahari

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: Trinity Sunday

Readers: Rota Week 4

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.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

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

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

A Week of guided Prayer is being offered for the Bedford Pastoral Area from 23rd to 30th June. Elizabeth Ridley will speak about this initiative at all Masses this Sunday. To book a place and for more information, contact Elizabeth at weekofguidedprayer@outlook.com or call 07787188571 or contact Sheila on 353116 or Maria on 950453.

PASTORAL LETTER

Copies of a Pastoral Letter from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales are available from the back of the church. Please take one.

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.

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 28th July from 3pm to Sunday 1st 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

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Pichowicz and Bela Bartos. May they rest in the peace of the risen Lord.

REFLECTION

It's the Church's birthday today. Pity we can't sing in praise of this great feast of Pentecost. When the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and Our Lady whilst they were at prayer a new era had begun. The world would never be the same again! The Holy Spirit, through the preaching of the Apostles, was renewing the face of the earth and restoring us to our original dignity as children of God. No more floundering in the darkness of sin, unbelief and moral confusion but enlightened by the Spirit and reconciled to the Father through Christ. Everything changed that moment when the Spirit filled the upper room, and the Apostles burst out of their self-imposed imprisonment. He helps us do likewise. He frees us from the self-imposed imprisonment of unbelief, of hopelessness, of sin and makes us free so that one day we shall live with God and dance with the angels! This is our destiny as his children if we allow the Spirit to fill us and guide our way on earth. How? Simply ask him, invite him. Say each day in prayer, 'Come Holy Spirit.' He cannot resist such a humble and inviting plea. He will make his home in us and warm our hearts with his love, that same flame of love that appeared above the heads of the Apostles. Here's a prayer you might find helpful.

*Breathe in me O Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy.*

*Act in me O Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be holy.*

*Draw my heart O Holy spirit,
that I love but what is holy.*

*Strengthen me O Holy Spirit,
to defend all that is holy.*

*Guard me then, O Holy Spirit,
that I always may be holy.*

- St. Augustine

*'Light immortal, light divine, visit thou these hearts
of thine, and our inmost being fill.'*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory **St Joseph's £1050.48**
Mass Media **St Joseph's £246.787**

Our Lady's £207.00
Our Lady's £65.06

Thank you.