

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

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new offertory envelopes for St Joseph's parish are now available for collection at the back of the church. Please take your box-set for continued use. Anyone who wishes to start using envelopes, please let me know. Also, if you wish to Gift Aid your donations to the parish, again please let me know.

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.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Dennis Gilbert, RIP

9.30am People of the Parish

11.00am David Shepherd, RIP

6.30pm Michael Kinsella, RIP

Monday *Visitation of Our Lady*

10.45am Natalja Simirnova, RIP

Tuesday *St Justin*

10.45am Jamie McAllister, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Dick Walsh

Thursday *SS Charles Lwanga & Companions*

10.45am Catherine & Michael Micallef, RIP

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Ann Lewarne, RIP

Saturday *St Boniface*

10.45am Fr Andrew Hart, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm David Nutt, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-5.00pm

CLEANING: Daniels, Okonkwo

FLOWERS: Mrs Bino

NEXT SUNDAY: Corpus Christi

Readers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: None for the present

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

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

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.

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

A Week of guided Prayer is being offered for the Bedford Pastoral Area from 23rd to 30th June. To book a place and for more information contact Elizabeth on 07787 188571 weekofguidedprayer@outlook.com or Sheila on 353116 or Maria on 950453.

SVP KNOCK & DROP

Non-perishable food items are needed for the SVP Knock & Drop initiative. You can place these items in the marked box at the back of the church. Thank you.

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. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

'Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors to Christ.'
Pope St John Paul II

REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the revealed mystery of the Blessed Trinity, revealed by the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ. It expresses the central truth that God is a community of love, that he does not live alone and aloof in splendid isolation. It expresses the truth that within the Godhead there is movement and relationship. Most importantly it expresses the truth that God, of his nature, is a God of love. The very life of God is a life of love. The Blessed Trinity, then, is not revealed as a doctrine to be analysed or understood intellectually. Jesus never said, *"I am the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity."* He talked about his relationship to his Father; he talked about the Spirit who animated his own life and whom he would send to animate the lives of his followers: that same Spirit who is the bond of unity and love between the Father and the Son. Jesus said, *"When the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth."* What is this truth he will lead us into? Surely not facts and interesting items about God. Rather, the Spirit will lead us into relationship and communion with God himself because the only real and satisfying way of knowing someone is when we enter into communion with that person. We cannot know a person simply by description but only through establishing a relationship. And so with the person of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This kind of knowledge of God is a knowledge not of the head but of the heart. It is, therefore, by loving God that we are drawn by the Holy Spirit into the very life of God. The doctrine of the Blessed Trinity points towards the mystery of God. But we are invited to look beyond the description to the reality it signifies. In doing so we discover our own true identity and destiny. We are made in God's image and that means we are made for relationship, for communion, for love. We are created to share in that community of love which is the living God. This is our ultimate destiny. It is also our glory here and now. *'Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.'*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1133.76

Our Lady's £613.00

Thank you.