

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

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## CORPUS CHRISTI

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### BISHOP DAVID: THE CHURCH

Bishop David has produced a series of short talks focussed on 'The Church'. These videos can be viewed on the Northampton Diocese YouTube channel. Simply type 'Northampton Diocese' into the search bar on YouTube and click on 'The Church' playlist. All videos in the series so far will be displayed.

### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The final class for the children making their First Holy Communion is this Saturday at 9.00am in St Joseph's church. Their final preparation Mass will be next Sunday at 9.30am in St Joseph's.

### 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.

### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Jadwiga Kozłowska, RIP  
9.30am People of the Parish  
11.00am Prend Nikallja & Gjon Gjeka, RIP  
6.30pm Evelyn Foy, RIP

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Sandy Grove, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

10.45am Kathleen Keenan, RIP

Wednesday *St Columba*

10.45am Patrick Summers, RIP

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Britto Raj, RIP

Friday *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

10.45am Sylvia Blackburn & Family

Saturday *The Immaculate Heart of Mary*

10.45am Tom, Mary & Karen Kelly

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Melvin D'Souza

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.**

**ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am**

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

**CLEANING: Cummings, Petts, Ngere**

**FLOWERS: Mrs Bino**

**NEXT SUNDAY: Eleventh Sunday of the Year**

**Readers: Rota Week 2**

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

### FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for peace especially in those lands afflicted with on-going conflicts and injustices.

### 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.

## **WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER**

A Week of guided Prayer is being offered for the Bedford Pastoral Area from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June. To book a place and for more information contact Elizabeth at [weekofguidedprayer@outlook.com](mailto:weekofguidedprayer@outlook.com) or 07787 188571, Sheila on 353116 or Maria on 950453.

## **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE**

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

## **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.

## **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)

## **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Pichowicz. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

*The first to apologise is the bravest. The first to forgive is the strongest. The first to forget is the happiest.*

## **REFLECTION**

*'And know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.'* The promise of Jesus before his ascension to heaven. And he has kept that promise in an extraordinary way! Today's feast of Corpus Christi recalls and celebrates the unique presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Not a symbolic presence but a real presence; a presence you can relate to. In this mystery is contained the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. It is this real presence we receive in Holy Communion either under the appearance of bread or of wine. The whole Christ is present under both species. This is a mystery we cannot fathom but we believe to be true because Jesus said so, as we read in the gospel today. We are so familiar with the Mass that we might forget or not fully appreciate what an awesome thing this is, what a privilege. It is pure gift. God's greatest gift to us! We meet Christ himself in this gift. It is a personal encounter with the Lord and, therefore, one we should give our attention to in our prayer of thanksgiving and adoration. As he presents himself to us, we present ourselves to him in that moment of intimacy and communion. When we enter a Catholic church we instinctively look for the tabernacle in which the reserved sacrament is kept. We genuflect or bow in recognition of this. We pray before him who is really there before us. How fortunate we are to have God so near to us, so close! We should be filled with wonder and thanksgiving. Take time, when you can, to seek him in the Blessed Sacrament and spend a few precious moments with him. Be conscious that he is there, that he waits for us, that he wants to commune with us. Take up his invitation to come to him, all who labour and are overburdened and receive his rest. *"Nowhere on earth are you more welcomed, nowhere on earth are you more loved than by Jesus living and truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament. The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth."* (St Teresa of Calcutta)

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £974.20**

**Our Lady's £296.00**

**Thank you.**