

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

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

13th June 2021



ONLINE CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Whilst we are unable to have Children's Liturgy at the moment, CAFOD has produced an online Children's Liturgy should anyone be interested in signing up. The link is: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

DIVINE MERCY MASS

A small group will be visiting the Our Lady of Guadalupe Image in St Joseph's church this Saturday between 1.00pm and 4.00pm. This visit will also include a Mass. Others are welcome.

BISHOP DAVID: THE CHURCH

Bishop David has produced a series of short talks focused 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.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	John Kerrigan, RIP
	9.30am	Zachary Rivas
	11.00am	Nok Nika, RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Anna Philomena Clarke
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Pauline Devaney, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP
Friday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Dennis Gilbert, RIP
Saturday	<i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	
	10.45am	Brian Wright

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Mary Kutty Joseph, RIP
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**Confessions: Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)
St Joseph's:**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-5.00pm

CLEANING: Kahari, Ndoro

FLOWERS: Mrs Crow

NEXT SUNDAY: Twelfth Sunday of the Year

Readers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: None for the present

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.

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.

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 at weekofguidedprayer@outlook.com or on 07787 188571. Alternatively, Sheila on 353116 or Maria on 950453.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

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

CHARITY GOLF DAY

On behalf of the SS Philip & James Charity Golf Society, Mike Chappell sincerely thanks all those who supported by sponsoring, donating or playing our Charity Golf Day, held on 4th June 2021. As a result we were able to contribute the sum of £18,165 which was equally shared between our two selected charities, Living it Up and CHUMS. An additional contribution of £2,500 was made to Bedford Foodbank at the request of one of our key sponsors. So the total raised on the day was £20,665.

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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION Mark 4:26-34

Our Lord's favourite teaching method was the use of parables; everyday experiences of sowing and reaping, fishing, flowers and birds, to show what God is like, what it is like to have God rule in our lives. Today's parable speaks about hope and about trust in God. As Christians we can easily get discouraged when we look at the world around us especially at this time, when we look at the task facing the Church, when we look at the situation in our own lives. Discouragement, though, is the devil's tool to undermine faith, to remove hope and to rob us of joy. Don't let him in! Don't give him an inch! Jesus tells us two stories to encourage his own little flock at that time who were facing the same questions and anxieties. Numerically they were tiny and the task was huge. But like the tiny mustard seed, from small beginnings, something great will grow and men and women down the ages will find a shelter and a home in the kingdom of God. So when we get discouraged because we never seem to see the results of our labours for good and our prayers go unanswered, we need to remember that ultimately it is God who provides the growth, God who decides when it will be time for the harvest. We are living in the 'in between time', the time between the scattering of the seed and the final reaping. We need to persevere and not lose faith. Like the disciples, we need to spend time alone with Jesus in prayer. In that encounter courage will return and faith will be renewed. Ask for the gift of patience and hope, and leave all outcomes to him. Don't worry about the future; leave that to his providence. Don't fret about the past; leave that to his mercy. Live in the present moment because that is all we have and it is there that we find the Lord waiting for us to console us, to strengthen us and to convince us of his abiding love and care over us. *"Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you, for all things pass save God who does not change. Be patient, and at last you shall find all fulfilment. Hold God, and nothing will fail you for he alone is all."*

St Teresa of Avila

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1090.88

Our Lady's £282.00

Thank you.