

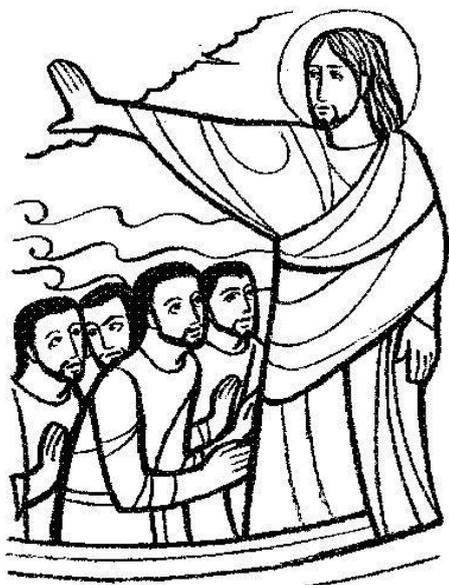
# St Joseph's, Bedford & Our Lady's, Kempston

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**TWELFTH SUNDAY  
OF THE YEAR**  
20<sup>th</sup> June 2021



## FIRST COMMUNION MASS

This Saturday sees a number of our children celebrating their First Holy Communion in St Joseph's at 2.00pm. We hold them in prayer as they do so and give thanks for the wonderful gift of the Eucharist. We also thank our parish catechists in preparing them at this difficult time and for the support of the parents. There will be rehearsal this Friday in the church at 6.00pm.

## 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.

## RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection next Sunday at all Masses for Peter's Pence in aid of the poorer churches in our world.

## Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Fr James Early, RIP
	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	In Thanksgiving (Rony)
	6.30pm	James Foy, RIP
Monday		<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>
	10.45am	Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP
Tuesday		<i>SS John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</i>
	10.45am	Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP
Wednesday		<i>Feria</i>
	10.45am	Tom, Mary & Karen Kelly
Thursday		<i>Birth of St John the Baptist</i>
	10.45am	Mary & Alan Wright, RIP
Friday		<i>Feria</i>
	10.45am	In Honour of Our Lady
Saturday		<i>Votive Mass of Our Lady</i>
	10.45am	Sick Members of the Catenians

## Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Alick & Rita Hellmund, RIP
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**Confessions: Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)  
St Joseph's:**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.**

**ROSARY:** Daily at 10.20am

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

**CLEANING:** Daniels, Okonkwo

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Crow

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

**Readers:** Rota Week 4

**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 boxset 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.

## 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: [www.tinyurl.com/9hahfaw2](http://www.tinyurl.com/9hahfaw2)

## **SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS**

The Catholic Trust for England and Wales has purchased a package of e-learning programmes available to all members of the Catholic community free of charge as part of the Church's on-going commitment to safeguarding. Details and how to register your interest are on the noticeboard.

## **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 on 07787 188571.

## **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE**

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

## **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)

## **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.

*'Grant, Lord God, that we may cleave to you without parting, worship you without wearying, serve you without failing, faithfully find you, forever possess you, the only true God, blessed for all eternity. Amen.*

St Anselm

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION Mark 4:35-41**

*"Master, do you not care?"* The panicked appeal of the disciples as they battled a sudden gale and their boat was in danger of sinking. But Jesus was fast asleep, seemingly unaware of the danger. Having been woken and realising how afraid the disciples were, Jesus demonstrates his mastery of the elements, calming the storm with a word! Calling on Jesus in their peril demonstrates their faith in him that, in fact, he does care. But that question posed by the disciples is one that is often times uttered by those in distress, uttered at times by you and me, no doubt. Our faith and trust in the Lord is sometimes severely put to the test and we begin to panic and lose heart. There is no easy answer when this happens. I met a grieving mother recently who had tragically lost her son. She can't make sense of it and yet she clings to the Lord in faith and trust. And I think this is the secret of coping with suffering or fear; remaining close to the Lord; clinging to him in such testing times. To do otherwise simply removes hope and thus increases the pain. He is our ultimate security and consolation. It gives us a courage and strength that we cannot easily explain. In times of danger and stress, feeling isolated and alone fuels our fear. But believing that God does care and has our ultimate safety at heart and is always near to us will quieten our fear and restore peace. Those frightened disciples in the storm-tossed boat instinctively turned to Jesus and with a voice of command restored peace and calm. Let that be our instinctive response in difficult moments and not turn away from him and lose hope. Sadly, many do. We must not fall into that deadly trap which leads nowhere. We live in Christ and our salvation is assured. Let nothing or no one rob us of this certainty. *"Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?"* The words of reproach to his disciples in the boat. He is in our boat so we need have no fear but turn to him in trust and faith. Then we will hear the words of Jesus echo in the depths of our souls, *"Peace. Be still."*

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1093.31**

**Our Lady's £267.88**

**Thank you.**