

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

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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PRIESTLY ORDINATION

The ordination of Deacon Liam Castle to the priesthood has been postponed to the autumn, hopefully. Please keep him in prayer.

RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection next Sunday at all Masses for the Apostleship of the Sea. This is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Visit:

www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday.

The collection is vital to enable AoS to continue its important work. If you wish to donate outside of the collection please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text SEA to 70460 to donate £5. Envelopes for the collection can be picked up from the porch. There is a Gift Aid slip attached. Thank you.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Win Baker & Andrew McGuire, RIP
9.30am People of the Parish
11.00am Josie Aldridge, RIP
6.30pm Fr Pius Duke

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Franc Rozman, RIP

Tuesday *St Maria Goretti*

10.45am Evelyn Foy, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Maria & Tedor Bazylewicz, RIP

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Sandy Grove, RIP

Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*

10.45am Michael, Barbara & Stephen Norton

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Marykuty Joseph, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-5.00pm

CLEANING: Kahari, Ndoro

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

Readers: Rota Week 2

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 still needed for the SVP Knock & Drop initiative. You can place these items in the marked box at the back of the church. Thank you for your generous giving.

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.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

This parish pilgrimage is from 14th 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 28th July from 3pm to Sunday 1st August until 2pm. Cost: £225 for camping (provide your own tent). £275 for dormitory. 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 more. For information and to go to the bookings page visit www.nymo.org/summercamp

ABORTION BILL

The abortion lobby has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing & Courts Bill to introduce abortion on demand for any reason up to birth to England & Wales. Right to Life UK has launched an easy to use tool that makes it simple to send an email to your MP asking him to vote against the motion. Visit:

www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth

“God has written for each one of us a unique and unrepeatably story, but left us the freedom to write the conclusion.”

Blessed Carlo Acutis

GOSPEL REFLECTION Mark 6:1-6

In one sense the people of Jesus' home-town of Nazareth were asking all the right questions. From where did this Jesus get his power? What is this wisdom that he had? How can he work these wonders? But they either let the questions hang in the air, or more than likely, refuse to listen to the answers. They had made up their minds and so they block any further giving on Christ's part. His own people made it impossible for him to give them what he longed to give and do. He needed their belief and their co-operation and could work no miracles without it. And they would not accept him! Jesus was rendered powerless because of their lack of faith which amazed him! The only people who benefited from Jesus' day in his home-town were a few sick people who, because of their sickness, were stripped of any prejudices and who knew their need of God. The healthy folk fell to jeering him and casting him out. Sometimes it takes the realisation of our weaknesses and frailty to have a real faith and trust in God because everything we place our security in has failed. Faith, though, is a living relationship with God. It's more than belief; it goes deeper and that's what we have to work on; deepening our relationship with Christ, entering into communion with him on that intimate level. This takes time and perseverance in an on-going dialogue which we call prayer. On a human level we place our faith in certain people because we know them to be trustworthy and reliable. So it is with faith in God. If we get to know him as such then our faith becomes a real security in our lives and a source of real joy and hope that transcends the vagaries of life and allows God to act. An unbelieving heart renders God powerless; he can do little for such. We are called to have a lively, expectant faith, one which believes that all things are possible to God, that Jesus can work miracles for us. Faith is highly praised by Jesus when he meets it. It delights him. So may we amaze him by a strong, effervescent faith. With that he can do much. The floodgates of his grace and love will open upon us.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1080.92

Our Lady's £278.80

Thank you.

Peter's Pence

St Joseph's £242.57

Our Lady's £70.20