

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

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**TWENTY NINTH
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
17th October 2021



PARENTS' MEETING

The parents of those children preparing for their First Holy Communion are asked to attend a meeting in St Joseph's church this Thursday at 7.15pm. It is important that you attend, please.

SPUC TALK

There is a short talk at all Masses today by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, appealing for new members.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please use the envelopes provided for this and sign the Gift Aid slip if you are able. Our contributions in the retiring collection next Sunday will aid the Church in bringing the gospel to all peoples.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am People of the Parish
9.30am In Thanksgiving (Raju & Mercy)
11.00am Petrit & Family
6.30pm Catherine Toner, RIP

Monday *St Luke*

10.45am K.T. Chacko, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

10.45am Dick Gardner

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am James Foy, RIP

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Thomas Joseph, RIP

Friday *Pope St John Paul II*

10.45am Danny McLarnon, RIP

Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*

10.45am Simon & Anne O'Toole

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Charles Glackin, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: Kahari, Ngoro

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

Readers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: None for the present

PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Pro-life pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 23rd October. Coach will pick up at all five churches in Bedford. Details on the poster of times. Price £18.50 per person. Please contact Mary Frost on 01234 304014 or email: mary_frost1211@yahoo.co.uk if you wish to go on this pilgrimage. Also sign the list at the back of the church.

PARISH QUIZ

There will be Parish Quiz this Friday at 7.30pm in the Guild Room in aid of our parish project. Tickets on sale after Mass at £3 per person. Light refreshments provided. Bring your own drink. Come along and exercise those little grey cells.

CONFIRMATION 2022

Those wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation next year, i.e. Year 9 of school or older, are asked to collect an enrolment form from the sacristy. Preparation Classes will start in January 2022. Any adults seeking Confirmation will be seen separately.

DIOCESAN VOCATION DAY

A Priesthood Discernment Day is due to be held at Holy Family Church in Luton on Saturday 23rd October, 10am to 5pm. This is for men who may be considering the possibility of the priesthood and would like to explore the idea further. For more information, please contact the Fr Andrew Richardson on 01582 502400 or email: vocationsdirector@northanptondiocese.org

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

A diocesan Mass for people with disabilities, their families and friends will be celebrated by Bishop David at Sacred Heart Church, 148 Ashcroft Road, Luton LU2 9AY on Sunday 7th November at 3.00pm, followed by refreshments. Please contact Sean Ballantyne at bernie.ballantyne@gmail.com or Canon Kevin O'Driscoll at holyfamilylanglely@yahoo.co.uk

WELCOMERS

We are looking to restart the Welcoming Ministry in both parishes. This involves greeting people as they come to Sunday Mass, handing them a newsletter and hymn book and assisting them with any enquiries. If interested, please let me know and which Mass you would be available to help.

TEA & TALK

Here is an opportunity to meet again with fellow parishioners after the long lockdowns. Starting on Monday 18th October at 2.30pm in Our Lady's Meeting Room, Kempston, for an informal get-together over a cup of tea (and perhaps cake). Everyone welcome.

REQUIEM MASS

Kathleen Vorley's funeral Mass is this Monday at 10.30am, in Our Lady's, Kempston.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

A Charismatic Prayer Group, led by Ted Fawcett, will be starting in the parish, commencing January 2022. Further details for those who might be interested will be given later in the year.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Since the demise of the Catholic Universe in its paper form, the publication has taken the decision to publish online as the Universe Catholic Weekly. You can subscribe to it for £20 a quarter (13 copies) by going to www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk

MASS AT KEYSOE

There will be a Mass celebrated at Keysoe Parish Church on Friday 22nd October at 3.00pm to which all are welcome.

FUNDRAISER SPUC

SPUC is advertising for a highly motivated candidate to join their team as a fulltime Fundraising and Major Gift Administrator. Candidates should be fully supportive of SPUC's aims and objectives, with exemplary communications skills and the ability to assist with the smooth and successful operation of SPUC's fundraising programmes. For more information and details on how to apply, please email matthewmccusker@spuc.org.uk

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alex Dillon. May he rest in the peace of the Lord. His funeral Mass will be on Monday 1st November at 10.45am in St Joseph's.

'Dear friends, build your house on rock. Try each day to follow Christ's word. Listen to him as a true friend with whom you can share your path in life.

With him at your side, you will find courage and hope to face difficulties and problems, and even to overcome disappointments and set-backs.'

Pope Benedict XVI

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory
CAFOD

St Joseph's £913.64
St Joseph's £592.35

Our Lady's £172.20
Our lady's £140.22

Thank you.