

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

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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
OF THE YEAR**  
24<sup>th</sup> October 2021



## SYNOD 2023

Pope Francis is calling a Synod in Rome in 2023. It will look at how the mission and governance of the Church can be more inclusive. As part of the preparations for the Synod he wants to consult the whole Church at diocesan and parish level. This will involve a listening period beginning at parish level. Today, at the end of Mass, there will be a brief message read from Bishop David followed by a renewal of baptismal promises and a prayer invoking the Holy Spirit in this process.

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today 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 today will aid the Church in bringing the gospel to all peoples.

## HEALING SERVICE

The proposed healing service after the 6.30pm today is postponed to next month.

## Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Ronald Madtha, RIP
	9.30am	Veronique Champda
	11.00am	Giovanni & Andriana Andreozzi Family, RIP
	6.30pm	Fr Boniface & Friends
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Karl Gloria, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Clement Francis, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	John Orr, RIP
Thursday	<i>SS Simon &amp; Jude</i>	
	10.45am	Dennis & Mary Cox, RIP
Friday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Andrew Hinde & Dick Gardner
Saturday	<i>Votive Mass of Our Lady</i>	
	10.45am	Simon & Anne O'Toole

## Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Alex & Celina Godinho
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**Confessions: Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)  
St Joseph's:**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

**ROSARY:** Daily at 10.20am

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

**CLEANING:** Daniels, Okonkwo

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Redmond

**NEXT SUNDAY: All Saints**

**Readers:** Rota Week 2

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

## 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.

## PARISH QUIZ

The Parish Quiz advertised for last Friday was cancelled. Tickets bought can be redeemed from the sacristy after Mass or retained until the next quiz.

## **CHRISTMAS DRAW**

Tickets for our Christmas Draw this year are now on sale after Mass from today onwards at £2.50 a book. Prizes for the draw gratefully received and can be delivered to the presbytery or church.

## **MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

If you wish to include the names of your deceased loved ones in the daily Masses during the month of November, then please list them and place the list in the envelopes provided at the back of the church and return these to the presbytery or the church.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm followed by refreshments. Please contact Sean Ballantyne at [bernie.ballantyne@gmail.com](mailto:bernie.ballantyne@gmail.com) or Canon Kevin O'Driscoll at [holyfamilylingley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:holyfamilylingley@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.

## **A PRAYER FOR COP 26 CLIMATE TALKS**

Prayer cards for the COP 26 Talks are available in the church porch. Please take one.

## **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](http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.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 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10.45am in St Joseph's.

## **LUX WEEKEND PILGRIMAGE**

This pilgrimage to Walsingham organised by the Diocesan Youth Ministry is for those in Year 7 to 13 of school. When? February 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2022. Cost: £140 per person including return transport from either Northampton or Luton. All the information can be found at [www.nymo.org/lux](http://www.nymo.org/lux)

## **REFLECTION**

Going on pilgrimage, as I have just done, is an ancient Christian tradition and practice. Not only Christian but other world faiths also see the value of pilgrimage. And its value lies in that it reminds us we are a pilgrim people making our way to the Father's house in the kingdom of heaven. Along the way we, as it were, give a cursory glance at the world we live in and don't become absorbed by it. Yes, we must indeed play our full part in working for the good of our world and in taking care of creation because it is God's gift to us, but always in the knowledge that we will have to leave it one day. It is not our permanent home. We have a supernatural home to look forward to. Hence the need to resist becoming so absorbed in this one to the detriment of our spiritual destiny. There is always the danger of losing that special insight that we have as Christians to the spiritual realm which can get engulfed in the natural, the purely worldly, and so forget that there is a God, that there is a heaven, that there is more. We can become bewitched by what is purely tangible. Going on pilgrimage can help remind us of these truths of our humanity, our purpose and destiny. We are on a journey and with every journey there is a destination. It would be odd if we were to allow ourselves to be so distracted by the things we see along the way that we forget where we are going! We must look up from time to time from our worldly concerns and focus on journey's end which will, in turn, give meaning and direction to our earthly existence and a certain joy that is not of this world but rather a foretaste of what awaits us on the shoreline of heaven.

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1082.07**

**Our Lady's £295.30**

**Thank you.**