

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

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ALL SAINTS
31st October 2021



ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Today we celebrate the feast of All Saints (transferred from Monday). We remember and celebrate our brothers and sisters in the faith who have completed their earthly pilgrimage and now enjoy the life of the blessed in heaven. Then on Tuesday we pray in a special way for our deceased loved ones and all the faithful departed and assist them on their final journey to God with prayers and Masses during the month of November.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

This Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room for those children preparing for their First Holy Communion next year. All must attend, please.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

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| Sunday | 8.15am | People of the Parish |
| | 9.30am | Hilary Brimble, RIP |
| | 11.00am | Angela Rodrigues |
| | 6.30pm | Simon & Anne O'Toole |
| Monday | <i>Feria</i> | |
| | 10.45am | Requiem: Alex Dillon, RIP |
| Tuesday | <i>All Souls</i> | |
| | 10.45am | Rosalind Richardson, RIP |
| Wednesday | <i>St Martin de Porres</i> | |
| | 10.45am | Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP |
| Thursday | <i>St Charles Borromeo</i> | |
| | 10.45am | Marie & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP |
| Friday | <i>Feria</i> | |
| | 10.45am | Maggie Sloman |
| Saturday | <i>Votive Mass of Our Lady</i> | |
| | 10.45am | Evelyn Foy, RIP |

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

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| Saturday | 6.00pm | Franco Susic & Franco Baic, RIP |
| Tuesday | 7.30pm | Holy Souls |

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: Cummings, George

FLOWERS: Mrs Price

NEXT SUNDAY: Thirty Second Sunday of the Year

Readers: Rota Week 3

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.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for peace in our world and in our hearts.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Traditional blessing of graves during the month of November: Foster Hill Road Sunday 7th Nov. Norse Road Sunday 14th Nov. Kempston Sunday 21st Nov. Each service will begin with prayers near the entrance to the cemetery at 2.30pm followed by the blessing of individual graves. Please let me know if there is a request to bless any graves in Wootton.

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.

CURRY NIGHT

Our next fundraising event is a Curry Night on Tuesday 9th November at 7.00pm at Indiya Restaurant, The Broadway, Bedford. Cost of meal £15 per person of which the restaurant will give £2 per diner to our parish project. Please place your name on the sheet at the back of the church if you wish to indulge in a splendid repast!

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 holyfamilylangley@yahoo.co.uk

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group is meeting this Monday at 3.00pm in Our Lady's church, Kempston. All very welcome.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Alex Dillon, Bernadette Inns and Marcin Swiderski. Marcin's funeral Mass will be on Thursday 11th November at 9.15am in St Joseph's.

MAKING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Mission Northampton invites all those across the diocese who have a heart for sharing the gospel with others to come along to this day with Bishop David from 11am until 3pm on Saturday 13th November at the St Thomas Centre, Northampton Cathedral. Please bring a packed lunch or feel free to use the Cathedral Café at lunchtime. To register your interest:

www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/making-missionary-disciples-together

SYNOD NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE

If you would like to know more about the Synodal process in the diocese, go to www.synodwebinar.eventbrite.co.uk this Monday 1st November at 7.30pm.

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a short healing service next Sunday after the 6.30pm Mass to pray for personal healing and commend others in prayer.

REFLECTION-ALL SAINTS

Today's feast of All Saints challenges us to be saints. Yes, you and me! Called to live the beatitudes of the gospel, called to walk with God every day. Taking up the image of pilgrimage from last week, we are never alone on this journey. Pilgrimage pre-supposes travelling with, not alone. We accompany one another. Looking out for one another along the way. And what is more, there is a great cloud of witnesses, the saints, urging us on in the contest of faith, praying for us, encouraging us. God sees our efforts to be holy despite ourselves and quickly comes to our aid, willing us on to perfection. He wants us to be supremely happy forever in heaven and even now we taste that future happiness as we strive to live lives of holiness. A holy person is a happy person, hence the beatitudes in today's gospel. We begin to share the life and joy of God now. We struggle with our weak human nature but let that not discourage us. The work of holiness is God's. Let him in and begin that work.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1057.46

Our Lady's £328.20

Thank you.

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St Joseph's £505.74

Our Lady's £99.61