

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

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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7th November 2021



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

It is planned to resume the Children's Liturgy in both parishes from Sunday 28th November at the 9.30am Mass in St Joseph's and the Vigil Mass in Our Lady's. Social distancing will be maintained and it will not be practicable to invite any child in church to come forward. Twelve children can be accommodated safely in St Joseph's and six to seven in Our Lady's. For the time being we will limit attendance to ages 6 to 9 inclusive. To avoid over-crowding it will not be possible for parents to come. Everything will be kept under review as the coronavirus diminishes. If you would like your child to attend, please pick up a registration form from the sacristy.

CURRY NIGHT

Our next fundraising event is a Curry Night this 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 attend an enjoyable evening out!

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Catherine Malone, RIP
9.30am Anne-Marie Ellison, RIP
11.00am Holy Souls
6.30pm Holy Souls

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Holy Souls

Tuesday *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

10.45am Holy Souls

Wednesday *Pope St Leo the Great*

10.45am Holy Souls

Thursday *St Martin of Tours*

10.45am Holy Souls

Friday *St Josaphat*

10.45am Mary Frost

Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*

10.45am Bridie & Nick Keisters, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Holy Souls

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: Kahari, Ndoro

FLOWERS: Mrs Price

NEXT SUNDAY: Thirty Third Sunday of the Year

Readers: Rota Week 4

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.

RETIRING COLLECTION

Today for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund. Please place your offering in the basket at the back of the church as you leave Mass. Thank you. There will be another Retiring Collection next Sunday for the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund.

SYNOD-OPEN MEETING

As part of the preparations for the Synod called by Pope Francis in 2023 in Rome, he wants to consult the whole Church at diocesan and parish level about the life and mission of the Church. There will be an opportunity to do this in our parish at an open meeting on Saturday 20th November at 3.00pm in the Guild Room at St Joseph's. All are welcome to the discussion and conversation. Our contribution will be fed into the Bedford Pastoral Area and on to the diocese.

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.

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.

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 4th – 6th 2022. Cost: £140 per person including return transport from either Northampton or Luton. All the information can be found at www.nymo.org/lux

REQIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marcin Swiderski. Funeral Mass on Thursday 11th November at 9.15am in St Joseph's.

LATIN MASS

The Latin Mass Society will be celebrating a Latin Mass in the Tridentine Rite this Saturday in St Joseph's at 12 noon in reparation for abortion. There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

HEALING SERVICE

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

THE WORLD TO COME

And the future? Life after death? Eternal life? God is there for he is the beginning and the end. He awaits me. He is not unknown; he has revealed himself to me in Jesus Christ and his Spirit dwells within me. Yet the mystery deepens! I am still earthbound. Images and words fall away before the wonder of what is to be. 'We shall see him as he is.' The pictures presented to me in Holy Scripture are mere pointers drawn from earthly experiences. The reality of God overwhelms the mind with its light. The seed of eternal life is the life which comes from Christ to transform my life. And the God who is unknown and unknowable has touched me and awakened within me a desire for himself. From the beginning, when he called me into being, he has been calling me also to himself; and the echo of his call has resounded on earth in the gospel of Jesus Christ. 'You know him', Jesus said. And it is true! 'This is eternal life: to know him, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.'

Bishop Francis Thomas

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1158.24

Our Lady's £532.90

Thank you.