

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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**
3rd April 2022



PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Weather permitting, there will be a procession into the church at the 9.30am and 11am Masses in St Joseph's and the Vigil Mass at Our Lady's. A sheet detailing all the Holy Week services will be available next Sunday.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a Penitential Service with individual confessions in St Joseph's church on Tuesday 12th April at 7.00pm. Confessions will be available in Our Lady's, Kempston, after the Vigil Mass next Saturday.

EVC UGANDA DONOR MEETING

On Saturday 9th April at 7pm this meeting will be held at Christ the King Parish Hall, Harrowden Rd. We will update donors on all aspects of the work and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Donors and all others interested are invited. For further information please contact Ted Fawcett on 838134.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Helen Hourigan
	9.30am	Hilary Brimble, RIP
	11.00am	Lina Palmiero, RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Frank McKenna
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Golerz & Dubrowolski Families, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Evelyn Foy, RIP
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Nick & Bridie Keisters, RIP
Friday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Phyl Crawford, RIP
Saturday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Tom, Mary & Karen Kelly

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Rose McGowan, RIP
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Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 2.30pm-7.00pm

CLEANING: Kahari, Ndoro

FLOWERS: No flowers

NEXT SUNDAY: Palm Sunday

Readers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: All in church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross today and every Sunday during Lent at 4.00pm in St Joseph's and Our Lady's. In this prayerful devotion we meditate on the passion and death of Jesus Christ.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

There will be a parish pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 20th to 27th September 2022. Prices are low at the moment so please book early i.e. before the end of April to ensure a cheaper flight. Please contact Mary Frost on 07708 264054 or 304014 if interested in going.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting of the Charismatic Prayer Group is this Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Reconciliation Chapel. All welcome.

INDIAN MEAL EVENING

The Indian Meal Evening raised £50 in aid of our parish project. Thanks to all who attended and to John Moore who organised an enjoyable evening.

UKRAINE APPEAL

The Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), is dispatching emergency help for Church communities responding to the desperate crisis unfolding in Ukraine following the Russian invasion. The Church there is helping people in need of food, clothing and other necessities. To support these efforts visit www.acnuk.org or donate to ACN, 12-14 Benhill Ave, Sutton SM1 4DA.

CALLED & EQUIPPED

Have you found the events of the last year or two have caused you to ask questions about your faith? Is this the moment to really go deeper with God? Called & Equipped is a year-long programme offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation. Find out more by visiting www.pastoralministryoffice.org/called.

CHARITY GOLF DAY

The SS Philip & James Golf Society is holding its 31st Charity Golf Day on Friday 27th May at Pavenham Park Golf Club. This year the selected charities are Youth Inspired and Kids in Action. The society is looking for sponsorship, so if you can help, please contact Mike Chappell on 07973 703340. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Entry forms for playing golf and/or attending the dinner afterwards will be available from mid-April and can be obtained from Mike Chappell at mikechappell43@btinternet.com.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Robinson and Fr Pat Bailey. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

HEALING GARDEN

As part of our diocese's desire to reach out to all those who have suffered any kind of abuse within the Church, we are all invited to join Bishop David at the opening of our Healing Garden at Northampton Cathedral at 3.00pm on Sunday 15th May. We hope that the garden will be a place that provides spiritual and emotional calming relief, reduce stress and anxiety and improve a person's sense of well-being and hopefulness. The garden has been designed and created by our diocesan safeguarding team, the healing and reconciliation group and the Hope Centre.

BRUNCH EVENT

The Northampton Youth Ministry is inviting 18-35 year olds to a Brunch Event at its offices in Luton on Saturday 9th April for a morning of food, faith formation, prayer and worship. The event starts at 11.30am and will finish at 1.30pm. For more details go to www.nymo.org/brunch.

PLEASE NOTE

Adoration in the Reconciliation Chapel this Thursday will begin at 2.30pm as there will be a wedding ceremony at 12.30pm in the church.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more."
The words of Jesus addressed to the woman in today's gospel, full of compassion, gentleness and mercy. Mercy is the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Divine pity touches human misery. In the words of Pope Francis *'mercy is the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.'* Mercy is born of this great love the Father has for each of us, a love that accepts us as we are and, at the same time, calls us to become what we are meant to be, what God wants us to be. *"Go and sin no more."* God does not condemn but opens up the possibility of redemption. He waits for us to enter through the door of his merciful heart. We confess our sins which beats upon the door of his merciful love. He will always answer, he will always open to us.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1226.56

Our Lady's £428.32

Thank you