

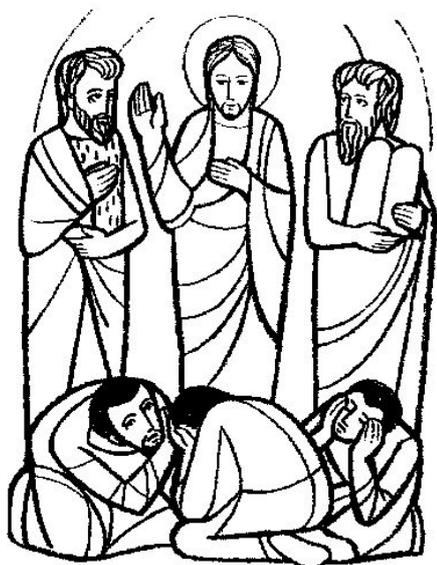
# St Joseph's, Bedford & Our Lady's, Kempston

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**SECOND SUNDAY  
OF LENT**  
13<sup>th</sup> March 2022



## Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Tom Cusack  
9.30am People of the Parish  
11.00am Michael & Arthur Micallef, RIP  
6.30pm Joan Bradley, RIP

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Fr John Glen, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

10.45am John Petts

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Bridget Mathew & Patrick Eeles, RIP

Thursday *St Patrick*

10.45am Angela Wilson, RIP

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Patsy Lynch & Family

Saturday *St Joseph*

10.45am Victor Santos, RIP

## Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Steven O'Connor

## Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

## CAFOD COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection today for the work of CAFOD at all Masses. Please use the envelopes provided for this and fill in the Gift Aid slip if you can.

## CAFOD LENTEN LUNCH

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm we are invited to a delicious Soup Lunch and good company in aid of CAFOD in Our Lady's Meeting Room, Kempston. All are welcome.

## LENT TALKS

United Lent Services at Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street on Wednesdays during Lent from 9<sup>th</sup> March to 6<sup>th</sup> April 1.10pm-1.50pm. Five services in Lent celebrating songs of our faith.

## PARISH QUIZ

Date for your diary: Next Quiz in aid of our parish project is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Guild Room.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**The Lord is my light and my help.**

**ROSARY:** Daily at 10.20am

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

**CLEANING:** Kahari, Ndoro

**FLOWERS:** No flowers

**NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Lent**

**Readers:** Rota Week 2

**Children's Liturgy:** Bimla & Marcus Mathew

## 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.

## 40 PENCE FOR 40 DAYS

The Bedford Foodbank is asking us to take part in a 40 for 40 challenge this Lent. By giving up 40 pence a day for the 40 days of Lent you can help raise enough to support local people in crisis this Easter. All you have to do is find an old jam jar or similar container and start collecting. See poster.

## **UKRAINE APPEAL**

The Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), is dispatching more than £830,000 in emergency help for Church communities responding to the desperate crisis unfolding in Ukraine following the Russian invasion. The Church there is helping to support people in need of food, clothing and other necessities. To support these efforts, visit [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org) or donate to ACN, 12-14 Benhill Ave, Sutton SM1 4DA.

*‘O God, merciful and strong, be pleased to banish violence swiftly from Ukraine and restore peace to that land and people. Dry the tears of those who weep. Through Christ our Lord and the prayers of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of Peace. Amen’*

## **INDIAN MEAL EVENING**

Another Indian Meal Evening is booked for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in aid of our parish project, the Multiple Sclerosis Centre, Barkers Lane, Bedford and the International Refugee Trust. Meeting at Indiya Restaurant, The Broadway, Bedford at 7.00pm. Cost: £16 for two course meal of which the restaurant will donate £2.50 for each diner attending. A list is now available at the back of the church to sign, indicating your attendance.

## **BEDFORD FOODBANK**

The following items are needed for the Bedford Foodbank: UHT fruit juice, 100g jars of coffee, tinned spaghetti, fruit, vegetables, tomatoes, large tins of potatoes, cup-a-soup, tinned meat in sauce, toilet rolls. These items can be placed in the green bin at the back of St Joseph’s church and the cardboard box in Our Lady’s church porch.

## **SVP KNOCK & DROP**

The date set to finish Knock and Drop is 31<sup>st</sup> March. Although Knock and Drop will be finishing, we will still be supporting the families who are in need and each SVP Conference has agreed to be a point of contact should our families find that they are struggling and we will be doing our best to support them. Thanks again to all of you who have helped us to keep going through a very difficult time.

## **GOSPEL RELECTION Lk 9:28-36**

*“Master, it is wonderful for us to be here!”* The words of St Peter as he and the other apostles present gazed on the wondrous sight of Jesus transfigured. This vision of the glorified Christ was given to the three apostles on that mountain to strengthen them for what lay ahead when Jesus would be disfigured by his dreadful passion and death. But it hints at future glory when Christ would rise from death never to die again. That is our destiny too. We are destined for transfiguration and glorification. Hard to believe, living this oh so mortal and fleeting existence. Especially so when we witness the disfigurement of war or coping with the struggles of life. It is then we must hold on to that vision of the transfiguration. St Paul tells us that *“the Lord Jesus Christ will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do this by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.”* In this event on that high mountain, we see the true nature of Christ revealed, but also we are given an insight to our true nature as children of God transformed by his love. And this transformation begins now in as much we allow God to work in us, creating that masterpiece he wants you and me to be. We do so by inviting him into our lives and listening to him in his word, his Church, his sacraments and in prayer. Slowly he is transforming us into saints. Let us not impede that work of grace for it pertains to our ultimate happiness when we shall shine like stars for all eternity. Again, prayer is at the heart of this transformative power which removes the ugliness of anger and hate, sustains us in love, multiplies joy and heals our hurts. Use this time of Lent to enter into a more profound relationship with the Lord which will carry us through life and sustain us in our weary gait at times. Along the way the Lord will share some of his joy with us, a taste of what awaits us in that land where the joy, the thrill, the ecstasy will never fade, for we will have reached the destiny for which we were made.

*“We are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.”*

1 Jn 3:1-2

### **LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS**

**Offertory**

**St Joseph’s £1297.27**

**Our Lady’s £386.40**

**Thank you**