

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

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**THIRD SUNDAY  
OF LENT**  
20<sup>th</sup> March 2022



## DEACON LIAM CASTLE

Deacon Liam Castle is to be ordained to the priesthood at Northampton Cathedral this Friday at 11.00am to which we are invited. (NB: There are no refreshments afterwards). We are also invited to his First Mass this Saturday at Ss Philip & James Church, Brickhill at 10.15am. There will be a celebratory luncheon in Holy Cross Church, Goldington Road following the Mass. Numbers are limited so to book your place please contact Sheila as soon as possible on 353116 or [parish.holycross@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.holycross@northamptondiocese.org). Please keep Liam in prayer.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The next preparation class for children making their First Communion this year is this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

The next preparation class for Confirmation candidates is also this Saturday at 2.30pm in the Guild Room.

## Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Patrick Cusack, RIP
	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	James Foy, RIP
	6.30pm	Raymond Johannes Cheng, RIP
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Julija, Silvestrus, Eugenijus, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Joan Martin, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Mr & Mrs Tom Costello & Family
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Raymond & Sandy Wareham
Friday	<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	
	10.45am	Julian, Marcus, Charles, Philip, Clare
Saturday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Liubov Nikifozova, RIP

## Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Mary Heffernan, RIP
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## Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The Lord is compassion and love.**

**ROSARY:** Daily at 10.20am

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

**CLEANING:** Daniels, Okonkwo

**FLOWERS:** No flowers

**NEXT SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Readers:** Rota Week 3

**Children's Liturgy:** Molly Orme & Nicola

## 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.

## 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. Tickets on sale next Sunday at £3.

## CAFOD APPEAL

Many thanks for the generous giving for the work of CAFOD.

## **INDIAN MEAL EVENING**

An Indian Meal Evening is booked for this 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.

## **BRUNCH EVENT**

The Northampton Youth Ministry is inviting 18-35 year olds to a Brunch Event at its offices in Luton on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.nymo.org/brunch).

## **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](http://www.acnuk.org) or donate to ACN, 12-14 Benhill Ave, Sutton SM1 4DA.

## **LENT TALKS**

United Lent Services at Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street on Wednesdays during Lent 1.10pm-1.50pm celebrating songs of our faith.

## **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](http://www.pastoralministryoffice.org/called). Register for webinar 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm: [www.calledequipped\\_webinar.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.calledequipped_webinar.eventbrite.co.uk).

## **EVC UGANDA**

A display at the back of St Joseph's church can be viewed giving us a photographic update on the work of the charity helping Fr Boniface in the on-going needs of his ministry in Uganda. Thanks to all who support him in this work. He may be able to come and visit us again this year. We wait and see.

## **LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP**

A five day Summer Camp of fun activities where young Catholics aged 12-18 gain formation and friendship is to run from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July from 3pm to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 till 2pm at Alton Castle, Staffs, costing £225 for camping (to provide own tent) or £295 for dormitory. Non-refundable deposit of £50 when booking. Final payment by 1<sup>st</sup> July. Travel is provided (a donation of £20 towards the cost is suggested but not essential) and pick up points within the diocese will be advised closer to the time. Included in the price is accommodation, all food, daily Mass and Reconciliation, all activities including a day at Alton Towers Theme Park, biking, trekking, climbing, archery, campfires and more. For more information go to the booking page visit: [www.nymo.org/summercamp](http://www.nymo.org/summercamp).

## **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-soups, 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.

## **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.

## **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Cooney. May he rest in the peace of Christ. John's funeral Mass will be Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 1.45pm in St Joseph's.

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1109.00**

**Our Lady's £208.61**

**Thank you**

**CAFOD**

**St Joseph's £781.35**

**Our Lady's £178.33**