

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

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**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**
27th March 2022



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.

PARISH QUIZ

Our next Parish Quiz in aid of our parish project is this Friday 1st April at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. Tickets on sale today at £3. Come along for a brain teaser.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Anthony Herbert, RIP
9.30am Mary & Tom McGee, RIP
11.00am People of the Parish
6.30pm Peter McDonnell, RIP

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Christopher Leydon, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

10.45am John Pichowicz, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Angelo Brunsetti

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Oliver Rennie, RIP

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Dinorah Burnett, RIP

Saturday *Feria*

10.45am Mary Lombardo

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Celine D'Souza, RIP

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: Cummings, Bahoum

FLOWERS: No flowers

NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Edward & Geraldine Byrne

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.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for peace especially in Ukraine. Russia and Ukraine were consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary last Friday, feast of the Annunciation, by Pope Francis in union with all the bishops of the world. We pray in hope for the promised peace.

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

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.

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. Register for webinar 30th March at 7.30pm: www.calledequipped_webinar.eventbrite.co.uk.

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.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Robinson and John Cooney. May they rest in the peace of 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.

ADORATION

A Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday in Our Lady's, Kempston, from 11am to 12noon. All welcome for a quiet time of prayer.

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 24th July from 3pm to Thursday 28th 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 1st 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.

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.

'I believe in Christ like I believe in the sun. Not because I can see it, but by it I can see everything else.'
C S Lewis

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1028.05

Our Lady's £211.96

Thank you