

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

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PALM SUNDAY
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HOLY WEEK

Today begins the most solemn week in the Church's liturgical year. The great events of Our Lord's redemptive work are recalled and celebrated in the various liturgies of Holy Week. Please make a special effort to attend the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum beginning on Maundy Thursday evening and in particular the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8.30pm. Please pick up a separate sheet from the back of the church detailing the Holy Week services.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no 10.45am Mass this Thursday, Friday and Saturday and no Eucharistic Adoration this Thursday. Also, there will be no Vigil Mass in Our Lady's on Holy Saturday. The Easter Sunday Mass at Our Lady's will be at 9.00am.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a Penitential Service with individual confessions this Tuesday in St Joseph's at 7.00pm.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Ian Herbert, RIP
	9.30am	Macario G Santos
	11.00am	John Robinson, RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday	Holy Week	
	10.45am	Dennis Gilbert, RIP
Tuesday	Holy Week	
	10.45am	Leon Lewis, RIP
Wednesday	Holy Week	
	10.45am	Odel Bahoum
Thursday	Maundy Thursday	
	8.00pm	Rosalind Richardson, RIP
Friday	Good Friday	
	10.30am	Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil	
	8.30pm	People of the Parish

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Pauline McGettigan, RIP
Thursday	8.00pm	William Connolly, RIP
Good Friday	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: None this Thursday

CLEANING: Daniels, Okonkwo

FLOWERS: All flower arrangers

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter Sunday

Readers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: None until later this month

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross today at 4.00pm in St Joseph's and Our Lady's.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions Holy Saturday at the usual time in St Joseph's and from 5pm – 5.30pm in Our Lady's.

CHRISM MASS

We are invited to the Chrism Mass this Thursday in Northampton Cathedral, Kingsthorpe Road, NN2 6AG at 11.00am followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

All parish Ministers of Holy Communion are requested to renew their commitment at the Maundy Thursday Mass at 8.00pm.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group meets this Monday at 3pm in Our Lady's church. All welcome.

CAFOD SOUP LUNCH

We have another CAFOD Soup Lunch in Our Lady's, Kempston this Wednesday 13th April at 12.30pm. Come along for a delicious lunch and good company. Proceeds for the work of CAFOD.

GOOD FRIDAY WITNESS

An ecumenical service of Christian Witness will be held on Good Friday at 12noon in Harpur Square. All are invited to take part as an act of witness and prayer with our fellow Christians.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The collection on Good Friday at the Solemn Liturgy and the Stations of the Cross is for the upkeep of the Holy Land shrines.

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 Fr Pat Bailey and John Robinson. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES - EMMAUS

Emmaus Village Carlton is seeking to accommodate a number of Ukrainian refugees. Please pick up a sheet from the back of the church detailing what is proposed and how you may be able to help in some way with this project. There are several suggestions offered and contact details given.

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 07708264054 or 304014 if interested.

PARISH QUIZ

Thanks to all who attended the Parish Quiz last Friday which raised £144 in aid of our project.

JUBILEE DRAW

From next Sunday tickets for a Jubilee Draw to coincide with the Queens' Jubilee celebrations will be available at £1 a ticket or £5 a book in aid of our parish project. There are just three prizes: 1st Prize a Toshiba 43" Smart TV; 2nd Prize a Jumpers 13" Laptop; 3rd Prize a Fire HD 10.1" Tablet. Draw to take place on Sunday 5th June.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!" is the cry of the jubilant crowd as Jesus enters the holy city of Jerusalem. This is our song, too, because the sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality. This is the victory won for us but at a terrible price; the death of the Son of God! Jesus submitted to the power of death, absorbing its force and then neutralising it by his cross and resurrection. The devil wasn't expecting that! No one was! Defeat turns into victory, and what a victory! The power of sin and death no longer holds sway for those united to Christ. Yes, we still feel the effects of sin and the sadness of death but their power is weakened; they do not have the last word. *"Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?"* In Christ, the victory has been won, the sting has been removed! Praise him!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1200.42

Our Lady's £178.41

Thank you