

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

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## EASTER SUNDAY

17<sup>th</sup> April 2022



### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Steve Steel, RIP  
9.30am Rosalind Richardson, RIP  
11.00am Liubov Nikifozova, RIP  
6.30pm Danielle, Josh & Noah

### Monday *Easter Octave*

10.45am Andrew

### Tuesday *Easter Octave*

10.45am James Foy, RIP

### Wednesday *Easter Octave*

10.45am Franciska Rozman, RIP

### Thursday *Easter Octave*

10.45am Bud Flanagan

### Friday *Easter Octave*

10.45am John Crow, RIP

### Saturday *Easter Octave*

10.45am John Pichowicz, RIP

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.00am Peg Connolly, RIP

### Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

## EASTER

Today is the greatest feast in the life of the Church and therefore the life of every Christian. Why? Because we share in the victory of Christ who defeated the last enemy of man, death! Christ's resurrection gives meaning to our earthly existence. We are made for life and future glory! It is this Easter faith which dispels the sadness and hopelessness that can so easily afflict us in this passing world. We are renewed in him who renews all things. And so we possess the courage to live the gift of life as a gift that stretches into eternity. We live, therefore, in joyful hope and sing alleluia in our hearts.

## THANKS

Thanks to all who helped with the Holy Week and Easter celebrations: musicians, singers, Readers, altar servers, flower arrangers and church cleaners.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

**ROSARY:** Daily at 10.20am

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** 11.30am – 7.00pm

**CLEANING:** Cummings, Bahoum

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Bino

**NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

**Readers:** Rota Week 3

**Children's Liturgy:** None until later this month

## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is the feast of Divine Mercy when we recall and celebrate the great mercy of God revealed in Christ. There will be an afternoon of prayer and devotion in St Joseph's, starting at 2.45pm with the blessing of the Divine Mercy image followed by the 3 o'clock prayer, Chaplet, Benediction and the Consecration Prayer. Confessions will be available afterwards. All are invited to pray, invoking God's mercy, especially for the people of Ukraine.

## **MASS FOR THE SICK**

Bishop David will celebrate a special Mass for the sick on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm in the Cathedral, Northampton. This is especially for all the housebound and we hope that they will be able to follow it on the Cathedral livestream via the diocesan website:

[www.northamptondiocese.org/live](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/live). All are also welcome to attend in person.

## **HOLY COMMUNION CLASS**

The next class for the children preparing for their First Holy Communion is this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

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

## **40 HOURS DEVOTION**

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May a half-day session is being offered exploring the background, history and spirituality of the 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration devotion. Led by Canon John Udris and Alex Heath. It will run from 11am to 3pm (Mass offered at 10.15am for those who are able to arrive earlier) at Holy Cross Church, Goldington Road. Please bring a packed lunch. To book your place please visit [www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/40-hours-eucharistic-adoration-a-powerful-prayer-for-mission](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/40-hours-eucharistic-adoration-a-powerful-prayer-for-mission)

## **CHARITY GOLF DAY**

The SS Philip & James Golf Society is holding its 31<sup>st</sup> Charity Golf Day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mikechappell43@btinternet.com).

## **PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**

There will be a parish pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **JUBILEE DRAW**

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

## **CAFOD'S EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

CAFOD is looking for people with good interpersonal skills, an interest in CAFOD's work and who can connect with young people. You will be asked to go into Catholic schools in the locality to deliver prepared assemblies and/or workshops about once a term. All necessary training, travel expenses and resources will be provided and you will have the on-going friendship and support of a local team. Please get in touch with Deborah to know more: [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk).

## **DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS**

A strategic lead for Catholic schools across the Diocese for Catholic life and Mission, RE and Collective Worship. The Diocesan Education Service is looking to recruit a Deputy Director of Schools (£45,000 - £60,000 depending on experience). For more details or an informal discussion about the role, please contact Collette Curtis (Director of Schools) on 07758 057244 or email: [curtis@nores.org.uk](mailto:curtis@nores.org.uk).

## **REQUIESCANT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Robinson and Maureen Maza. Rest in the risen Lord

*Wishing you the joy and blessing of  
the risen Lord this Easter.*

*Canon Seamus*

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1581.93**

**Our Lady's £211.28**

**Thank you**