

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

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022



### VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Today is Vocations Sunday when we are invited to pray for more priestly and religious vocations, especially for our diocese. Pray, too, for those in formation that they may give themselves generously and trustingly to the Lord.

### CAKE SALE

Cake Sale today after all Masses in the Guild Room and in Our Lady's, in aid of our parish project. Thanks to all who donated cakes.

### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

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

### TALK TO PARENTS

The parents of these children are asked to attend a talk this Thursday in St Joseph's church at 7.15pm, please.

### SECOND COLLECTION

There is a second collection today at all Masses for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund.

### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am David Herbert, RIP  
9.30am Tom McGee, RIP  
11.00am Des Orr  
6.30pm Liubov Nikifozova, RIP

Monday

*Feria*

10.45am Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP

Tuesday

*Feria*

10.45am Bino Mathew

Wednesday

*Feria*

10.45am Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP

Thursday

*Feria*

10.45am Ken & Bernie Blackburn & Family

Friday

*Our Lady of Fatima*

10.45am Bill King

Saturday

*St Matthias*

10.45am Antony Kozlowski, RIP

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Peter Birkett, RIP

### Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

**ROSARY:** Daily at 10.20am

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

**CLEANING:** Cummings, Bahoum

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Redmond

**NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Readers:** Rota Week 2

**Children's Liturgy:** Raoul & Jo Bull

### WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

The diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

There will be no coach going from Bedford this year. For further details email: [deaconmichael.fleming@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:deaconmichael.fleming@northamptondiocese.org)

### PARISH FORUM

Members of the Parish Forum are reminded that there is a meeting this Friday at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. There will be no formal agenda as the meeting will be an open discussion of any topic relevant to the well-being of our two parishes.

## **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.

## **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 to ensure a cheaper flight. Please contact Mary Frost on 07708 264054 or 304014 if interested.

## **GARDEN VOLUNTEER**

There is a need for a male volunteer join a couple of other volunteers to assist in keeping the garden and grounds at Our Lady's church, Kempston. Please speak to Mary Frost if you can help.

## **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. Entry forms for playing golf and/or attending the dinner afterwards obtained from Mike Chappell at [mikechappell43@btinternet.com](mailto:mikechappell43@btinternet.com)

## **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 accommodation. Non-refundable deposit of £50 when booking. Final payment by 1<sup>st</sup> July. Travel is provided (a donation of £20 towards cost but not essential) and pick up points within the diocese will be advertised closer to the time. Price includes accommodation, food, daily Mass, Reconciliation, all activities including a day at Alton Towers, etc. Booking page [www.nymo.org/summercamp](http://www.nymo.org/summercamp)

## **VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

The word vocation means 'a calling' and everyone has that in some way or another. Their minds are set upon a way of life of some kind. Today we are thinking of that special call to follow Christ in a particular way, either in the priesthood or the religious life. And this call, like God's call to all Christians, comes in the ordinary events and circumstances of life. If we were to ask the pope, our bishop or any priest, deacon, religious sister or brother how they knew that God wanted them to follow him further along the path of their baptismal commitment, they would tell you, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, that the call came to them through some person or some event as a very normal part of their growth and development as human beings and children of God. This applies to my own calling, too. God's call is always in relation to other people, never in isolation and never solely for personal benefit. God's call is always for others, whether as a lay-person or the clerical or religious state. Of the two groups which are found in the Church neither is better than the other; each is called to live the Christian life to the full. But those who follow Christ as priests or religious face a special challenge. They must declare themselves publicly for Jesus and so they must follow him publicly. They cannot hide from life but must give glory to God by sharing their life, the life of Christ, with others. Whether or not our following of Christ is publicly expressed, we cannot lose sight of this high ideal. And as members of the Church we cannot lose sight of the constant need to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. So parents, never discourage the sign of a vocation in your family. And to those who may be giving thought to a priestly or religious calling, don't be afraid to approach a priest or religious sister or brother to share your thoughts. Pray this day for an increase in good vocations. The healthy survival of the Church and her vitality depend upon this. Pray, too, for those already engaged in this work for the Lord, for perseverance and joy in their holy calling. *'Lord of the harvest, send labourers into the harvest and gather into one the family of God in the glory of our eternal home. Amen.'*

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1039.40**

**Our Lady's £128.85**

**Thank you**