

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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**
15th May 2022



NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new offertory envelopes for St Joseph's parish are now available for collection from the back of the church. Please remember to use them if you Gift Aid your donation. If anyone wants to start using them, please let me know. And if anyone wants to Gift Aid their donation, providing you are paying tax, again please inform me. This is an easy and simple way of increasing our revenue.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The next Confirmation class is this Saturday at 2.30pm in the Guild Room.

VOCATIONS MASS

There will be Mass, Rosary and Benediction for vocations to the priesthood and religious life this Thursday at 7.30pm in St Joseph's church. All are invited to attend to pray for this important intention.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Special Int. (Sabichan Family)
9.30am Fr Pat Bailey, RIP
11.00am People of the Parish
6.30pm Jan Smrek

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

10.45am Julian, Marcus, Charles, Philip, Clare

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Anakutty George, RIP

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Anne Argenio

Friday *St Bernadine of Siena*

10.45am James Foy, RIP

Saturday *Feria*

10.45am Fr Patrick Harte, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Loretta Cushin, RIP

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will bless your name forever, O God my King.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: Kahari, Nodoro

FLOWERS: Mrs Crow

NEXT SUNDAY: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: Bimla & Natalie Mathew

MASS IN KEYSOE

This Friday there will be a Mass celebrated in St Mary's church, Keysoe at 3.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

CAKE SALE

Thanks to all who donated and bought cakes. We made £222 in aid of our parish project.

TEA & TALK

You are invited to join your fellow parishioners for an informal get together this Monday 16th May at 2.30pm in Our Lady's church Meeting Room. Light refreshments available.

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: 1st Prize a Toshiba 43" Smart TV; 2nd Prize a Jumper 13" Laptop; 3rd 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 20th to 27th September 2022. Please contact Mary Frost on 07708 264054 or 304014 if interested.

SVP VOLUNTEERS

The St Vincent de Paul Society is an international volunteering organisation that gives practical help and support to those in need. We are looking for volunteers to support our vibrant schools programme that helps children put their faith into action. Volunteers are required to support teachers and talk to students about how they can be involved. The role is flexible but does need people with some availability during school hours (at least two mornings or afternoons per month). Full training is given, resources are supplied and costs are covered. If you are interested, please email YoungVincentians@svp.org.uk and to sign up for the Zoom open evening.

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 accommodation. Non-refundable deposit of £50 when booking. Final payment by 1st 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.

GARDEN PARTY

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Christ the King Parish, Harrowden Road, invites us to a Garden Party on Thursday 2nd June from 2pm to 5pm. Bring your own picnic or buy from the £1 BBQ. Free tea & coffee and a licensed bar. Free and open to all. Parking in the Bunyan Sports Centre. Any enquiries: sue_northcott@hotmail.com. See poster in church porch for full attractions.

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. Entry forms for playing golf and/or attending the dinner afterwards obtained from Mike Chappell at mikechappell43@btinternet.com.

REFLECTION

There is much in the world today, in our society and perhaps in our personal lives, that disturbs our peace of mind and threatens to rob us of hope and joy. The one thing that we as Christians must hold on to is hope and joy. This is the essence of our faith in Christ. In him is our peace, our joy and our future. The future belongs to him, and we must hand over our present to him as well. How important it is to find time to be with him, the source of our joy and the guarantee of our future. Much of what disturbs us is out of our control. So, hand everything over to him, let him relieve us of our burdens, allow him to do this for you. He is at our disposal! Take advantage of this and share the burden of life with him. He can cope! But do we believe this to be so? We must become little again like a child who trusts his or her parents, knowing we are safe in his hands and under his protection. Surrender each day to him in prayer and feel the load being lifted from you and so breathe again, breathe in his gift of peace. I know that if I did not spend that precious time in prayer each day I would simply fold! A sincere and humble encounter with the Lord will always strengthen, will always rejuvenate, will always refresh. Seek him and be at peace. *"Come to me all who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest."*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory St Joseph's £1444.41
Priests' Training Fund St Joseph's £420.80

Our Lady's £203.60
Our Lady's £50.86

Thank you