

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

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**SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022



## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

This Thursday is the feast of the Ascension of the Lord which recalls how Jesus, after his resurrection, returned to his Father in heaven. But he remains with us as promised, especially when we celebrate the Mass, to aid us on our journey of faith to our homeland in heaven. He has gone before us to prepare a place for us and so we keep our eyes and our hearts fixed on our eternal home whilst we make our pilgrim way on earth. Mass times are listed.

## FIRST COMMUNION MASS

This Saturday sees a number of our children celebrating their First Holy Communion in St Joseph's at 2.00pm. We hold them in prayer as they do so and give thanks for the wonderful gift of the Eucharist. We also thank our parish catechists in preparing them and for the help and support of the parents.

### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Edward Pugsley, RIP
	9.30am	Joe Grady, RIP
	11.00am	Emilia Reyes & Alfonso Bacangallo
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Heidi Billingham
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Johnny Cotter, RIP
Wednesday	<i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	
	10.45am	Kenny Kavanagh, RIP
Thursday	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	
	7.30am	People of the Parish
	10.45am	Rosalind Richardson, RIP
	7.30pm	Francie Rehilly, RIP
Friday	<i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	
	10.45am	Tom & Judy Sloman
Saturday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Paulette Mullard

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Marykitty Joseph, RIP
Thursday	7.30pm	Filippa Hill, RIP

**Confessions – St Joseph's:**

**Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

**ROSARY:** Daily at 10.20am

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

**CLEANING:** Daniels, Okonkwo

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Crow

**NEXT SUNDAY: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Readers:** Rota Week 4

**Children's Liturgy:** Lyn Bull & Malissa Vaz

## 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.

## **JUBILEE DRAW**

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. 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](mailto: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 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).

## **SECOND COLLECTION**

Next Sunday for the Catholic Mass Media.

## **GARDEN PARTY**

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Christ the King Parish, Harrowden Road, invites us to a Garden Party on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:sue_northcott@hotmail.com). See poster in church porch for full attractions.

## **JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

A celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be held after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass in the Holy Cross Parish Hall, Goldington Road, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Gospel Choir, youth activity, prosecco, beer, soft drinks, cakes, biscuits, tea, coffee. Free and open to all. See poster for details.

## **RED BOXES MISSIO**

In 2021 the combined parishes of Our Lady and St Joseph raised £2719.61 through the Red Mission Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you. The past two years have been challenging for us all and it is a tribute to you to have kept supporting our global Church through your generous giving.

## **PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE**

Guided pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland on 25<sup>th</sup> July for four nights costing £699 per person sharing. Full board. Single supplement £100. Full details contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email: [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

## **HOSPITAL VISITING**

Anyone needing a visit or anointing whilst in hospital, please inform Deacon Tony Quinlan on 950453.

## **SYNODAL REPORT**

This can be viewed on the parish website: [www.stjosephsbedford.org/synod-report-for-the-diocese-of-northampton](http://www.stjosephsbedford.org/synod-report-for-the-diocese-of-northampton)

*“Holiness involves friendship with God. There has to be moment in our relationship with God when he ceases to be just a Sunday acquaintance and becomes a weekday friend.”*

Cardinal Basil Hume

## **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1512.45**

**Our Lady's £116.25 Thank you**