

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

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**PENTECOST
SUNDAY**
5th June 2022



Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Janet Dodds, RIP
9.30am Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth
11.00am Tess Tighe, RIP
6.30pm Bridie McGovern, RIP

Monday **Mary, Mother of the Church**
10.45am Evelyn Foy, RIP

Tuesday **Feria**
10.45am Jeanette Sloman

Wednesday **Feria**
10.45am Michael & Anne Simmonds

Thursday **Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal Priest**
10.45am Patrick Summers, RIP

Friday **Feria**
10.45am Julienne Ha Cheng

Saturday **St Barnabas**
10.45am Nijole Kauseine

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Sylvia Blackburn & Family

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN

Almighty God, we pray that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

As from today, the Sunday Mass obligation has been re-instated. There is a leaflet at the back of the church explaining this. Please take one.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: Kahari, Ngoro

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: Trinity Sunday

Readers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: Molly Orme

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection next Sunday in St Joseph's for flowers for the church. Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Some more of our children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion this Saturday at 2.00pm in St Joseph's church. Please hold them in prayer and their families. Again, thanks to our parish catechists for their help in preparing them, supported by the parents.

SPONSORED WALK

Our Confirmation candidates will be doing a sponsored walk around Bedford Park on Saturday 18th June at 2.30pm in aid of our parish project, the MS Centre and the International Refugee Trust. If you would like to support them, please sign the form at the back of the church.

JUBILEE DRAW

Last chance to purchase tickets for the Jubilee Draw 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 will take place today after the evening Mass.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Guided pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland on 25th 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.

SS PHILIP & JAMES CHARITY GOLF DAY

Mike Chappell, on behalf of the Golf Society, would like to thank all who supported the Charity Golf day held on 27th May at Pavenham Park golf Club. We were again overwhelmed by the generosity of all involved. As a result we were able to contribute the sum of £19,198 which was equally shared between our two selected charities Youth Inspired from Bedford and Kids in Action from Dunstable. As a result of the money they received both charities are now able to complete a special project which will enable the people affected to be happier.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

There will be a parish pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 20th - 27th September 2022. Please contact Mary Frost on 07708 264054 or 304014 if interested.

REFLECTION

It's the Church's birthday today! Pentecost calls to mind in celebration that event which changed the world forever. The Holy Spirit, through the preaching of the Apostles, was renewing the face of the earth and restoring us to our original dignity as children of God. No more floundering in the darkness of sin, unbelief and moral confusion, but enlightened by the Spirit and reconciled to the Father through Christ. Everything changed that moment when the Spirit filled the upper room and the Apostles burst out of their self-imposed imprisonment. The Holy Spirit helps us to do likewise. He frees us from the imprisonment of unbelief, of hopelessness, of sin, and makes us free so that one day we shall live with God and dance with the angels! This is our wonderful destiny as his children if we allow the Spirit to fill us and guide our way on earth. How do we get the Spirit? Simply ask him, invite him. Say each day in prayer, 'Come Holy Spirit.' He will not refuse such a prayer and will gladly make his home in us, warming our hearts with his love, that same flame of love that appeared above the heads of the Apostles and changed them forever.

'Light immortal, light divine, visit thou these hearts of thine, and our inmost being fill.'

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory St Joseph's £1308.71
Catholic Mass Media St Joseph's £301.38

Our Lady's £589.30 Thank you
Our Lady's £44.67