

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

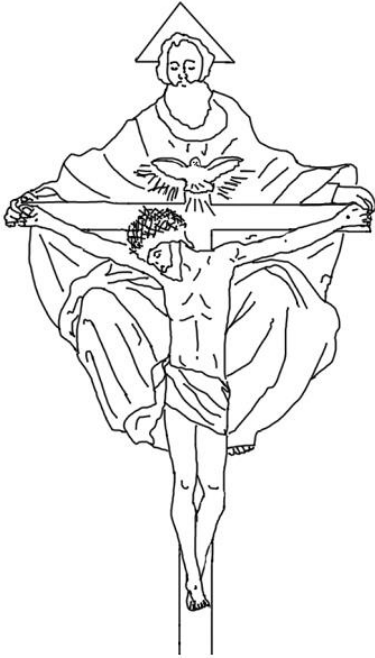
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TRINITY SUNDAY

12th June 2022



JUBILEE DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize: Toshiba Smart TV: ticket 0374 P. Hills. 2nd Prize: Jumpers Laptop: ticket 2502 J Bridoux. 3rd Prize: Fire Tablet: ticket 1942 Patsy. The prizes can be collected from the presbytery. Thanks to all who participated in this special Jubilee Draw which raised £1,506 for our parish project. A great result. Thank you so very much.

THANKSGIVING MASS

A thanksgiving Mass for the children and their families who recently made their First Holy Communion will be celebrated this Friday at 6.00pm in St Joseph's church with refreshments afterwards in the Guild Room.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no Mass this Thursday in St Joseph's. Adoration as usual in the Reconciliation Chapel.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am People of the Parish
9.30am Peter Lewis, RIP
11.00am John Cooney, RIP
6.30pm Clive Reynolds

Monday *St Anthony of Padua*
10.45am Bridie McGovern, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*
10.45am Carol & Mark

Wednesday *Feria*
10.45am Dennis Gilbert, RIP

Thursday *Feria*
10.45am **No Mass**

Friday *Feria*
10.45am Mary Coblenz

Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*
10.45am Jean Petts

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Ellen Ulich, RIP

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: Daniels, Okonkwo

FLOWERS: Mrs Bino

NEXT SUNDAY: Corpus Christi

Readers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: Raoul & Jo Bull

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 is a second collection today in St Joseph's for flowers for the church. Thank you.

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.

TEA & TALK

Next meeting of the group is on Monday 20th June at 2.30pm in Our Lady's, Kempston. Everyone welcome.

STRAWBERRY TEA

Our next fundraising event is a Strawberry Tea afternoon at the home of Derek and Anna Ruff, Carlton Cottage, Chequers Hill, Wilden MK44 2QQ on Sunday 26th June at 3.00pm. All welcome.

KSC QUIZ

The next KSC Quiz is this Thursday at the RAFA Club, Ashburnham Road at 7.30pm. All welcome.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Charismatic Prayer Group meets this Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Reconciliation Chapel. All welcome.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

Second collection next Sunday at all Masses for the Day for Life in support of the life initiatives in the Church protecting human life at every stage.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

There will be a parish pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 20th to 27th September 2022. Please contact Mary Frost on 07708264054 or 304014 if interested.

BEDFORD FOODBANK

Items needed for the Foodbank: tinned vegetables, breakfast cereal (but not porridge), UHT milk, cup-a-soup, tinned meat in sauce (e.g. chilli, curry), long-life fruit juice, tinned spaghetti hoops, coffee (100g), teabags (40/80), jars of curry sauce, jars of pasta sauce, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, tinned tuna, washing up liquid, anti-bac spray.

YOUNG ADULTS BRUNCH

Young Adults Brunch in London, The Martyrs Walk, Sunday 26th June at 2.15pm, St Giles in the Field, Tottenham Court Road. Visit www.nymo.org/brunch for full details.

REFLECTION

What is God like? Well, we will only truly know in all fullness when we pass from this life into the eternal life that awaits us. Today is the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. The nature of God as trinity was revealed to us by Jesus. He spoke of himself as the Son of God and that God was his Father who promised the gift of the Holy Spirit once Jesus had returned to him. This is the revealed truth we celebrate today. So, to know what God is like we must look closely at Jesus and form a relationship with him. How does he relate to people, the sick, the poor, sinners, the marginalised? What made hardened working fishermen get up and follow him? Jesus is a real person and we need to study him from the scriptures. As St Jerome put it: *'Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ.'* In the scriptures a picture emerges of the Father as lover and creator and has revealed himself in human terms that we can understand in the person of Jesus. And then there is the person of Holy Spirit promised by Christ to enable us to share his own life and bring us to the Father. It is this dynamic relationship of Trinitarian love that we are invited to share for all eternity. We are made in the image and likeness of this Trinitarian God and that means we are made for relationship, for communion, for love. In loving, then, we learn to know God, what he is like, in the only way that is of true and lasting value.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1204.83

Our Lady's £133.70

Thank you