

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

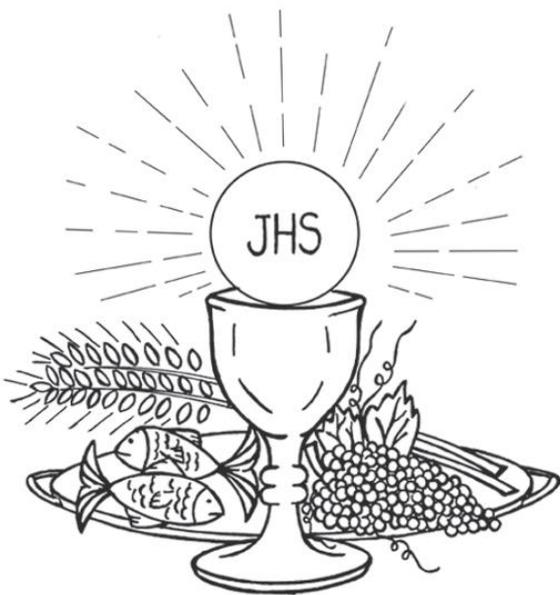
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## CORPUS CHRISTI

19<sup>th</sup> June 2022



### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Joe Grady, RIP  
9.30am People of the Parish  
11.00am K.K. John, RIP  
6.30pm Sebastian Sandy

### Monday *St Alban*

10.45am James Foy, RIP

### Tuesday *St Aloysius Gonzaga*

10.45am Michael Price

### Wednesday *SS John Fisher & Thomas More*

10.45am David Hanley, RIP

### Thursday *Birth of St John the Baptist*

10.45am Ryan & Lisa

### Friday *Sacred Heart of Jesus*

10.45am Tony Wenslay

### Saturday *Immaculate Heart of Mary*

10.45am Jenny Howard

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Celine D'Souza, RIP

### Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

### PASTORAL LETTER

Please pick up a Pastoral Letter from our bishop referring to the World Meeting of Families in Rome next weekend. This can be viewed by going to:

[www.romefamily2022.com/en/programma](http://www.romefamily2022.com/en/programma)

Bishop David invites us also to the Cathedral for a Service of Thanksgiving for Families next Sunday at 2.00pm with refreshments afterwards in the Cathedral Centre. All welcome.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

The final Confirmation Class is this Saturday at 2.30pm in the Guild Room, including a rehearsal and an opportunity for Confession in preparation for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm in St Joseph's.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.**

**ROSARY:** Daily at 10.20am

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

**CLEANING:** Cummings, Bahoum

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Bino

**NEXT SUNDAY: Thirteenth Sunday of the Year**

**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.

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

Today at all Masses for the Day for Life, supporting the various life initiatives of the Church with a special focus on the care of the elderly this year.

## **FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART**

A special liturgy in honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by a social gathering with food and drink, at the Holy Cross Church, Goldington Road, after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass this Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June. Children's games, activities and a Gospel Choir.

## **TEA & TALK**

Meeting this Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00pm. 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 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).

## **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.

## **REQUIESCANT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Maureen Breslin and Joseph McDonnell. Also for two of our retired priests who have recently died; Fr Bernard Hughes and Fr Ed Worthy. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

## **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. Thanks to all who have and continue to donate.

## **REFLECTION-CORPUS CHRISTI**

Today's feast of Corpus Christi recalls and celebrates the extraordinary and unique presence of Christ in the Eucharistic. It's not a symbolic presence but a real presence you can relate to. In this mystery is contained the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. This is a mystery we cannot fathom but we believe to be true because Jesus said so. What an awesome privilege this is! To have God so close to us, so near. It is pure gift! It affords a personal encounter with the Lord and, therefore one we should give our attention to in prayer and adoration, especially in our thanksgiving after receiving Holy Communion. When we enter a Catholic church we instinctively look for the tabernacle in which the reserved sacrament is kept. We genuflect or bow in recognition of this. We pray before him who is really there before us. How fortunate we are. God has made himself so accessible. We draw close to him without fear, who waits for us. We should be filled with wonder and thanksgiving. Take time, then, to seek him in the Blessed Sacrament and spend a few precious moments in his company. Be consciously aware that he is truly there and ready to receive our love, our prayers and petitions. He is the God who waits. So come to him, all who labour and are overburdened and receive his rest, his peace, his healing.

*"We can find God, with his body, soul and divinity present in all the tabernacles of the world. If we think about it, we are more fortunate than those who lived 2,000 years ago in contact with Jesus, because we have God really and substantially present with us always! It's enough to visit the closest church! We have Jerusalem on our doorsteps. Jerusalem is in every church!"*

Blessed Carlo Acutis

## **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1,410.21**

**Our Lady's £210.19**

**Thank you**