

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

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

10th July 2022



BRUNCH

Our next fundraising event is a brunch at the home of John and Gillian Moore, 17 Colchester Way, Putnoe, between 11.45am and 1.00pm on Saturday 16th July. Cost: £5 per person. To assist in catering, please add your name and phone number to the list at the back of the church if you wish to attend.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

The annual collection for the AoS will take place today. Envelopes for this are in the porch. Please take one and fill in the Gift Aid slip if you are able.

GIFT AID

If you are a tax payer, please consider Gift Aiding your weekly donation to the parish as a simple and painless way of increasing our revenue, especially as prices are rising so rapidly. Gift aid forms can be collected from the sacristy or presbytery.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Philomena Ward, RIP
9.30am Jim Kelly, RIP
11.00am People of the Parish
6.30pm Patsy Lynch & Family

Monday *St Benedict*

10.45am Dennis Gilbert, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

10.45am William Lethorn, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Anne Argenio

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Dermot & Marie McCloskey

Friday *St Bonaventure*

10.45am Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP

Saturday *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

10.45am Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Mary Connolly

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: Cummings, Bahoum

FLOWERS: Mrs Bino

NEXT SUNDAY: Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

Readers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: Edward & Geraldine Byrne

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new offertory envelopes for St Joseph's parish are now available for collection at the back of the church.

WEDDING

This Thursday, Emily Wilson and William Drake will be exchanging their wedding vows in St Joseph's church at 1.00pm. Please hold this couple in prayer as they promise their lives to each other.

SPONSORED WALK

Those who sponsored our Confirmation candidates' walk, are asked to please hand in your donation to the presbytery marked Sponsored Walk. Thanks to all who sponsored the walk in aid of our parish project.

LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

There will be a coach going from Bedford to Walsingham for the annual Life Pilgrimage on Saturday 6th August costing £10 per person. Coach leaves from Our Lady's, Kempston at 7.45am and from St Joseph's at 8.00am. Please contact Mary Frost on 07708 264054 or 304014 if you would like to travel on this pilgrimage. Also, please fill in your details on the list at the back of the church. See poster on the noticeboard for further details of the pilgrimage.

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.

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.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

The Universe Catholic Weekly has launched a new online newspaper replacing the paper copy. You can order your digital 4-week Free trial supply by calling Michelle on 07436 617650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Maria Gaitan and Neil Innocent. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

REFLECTION

With so much disheartening news flooding our lives and our world; war, conflicts here and there, cost of living, political upheaval, there is little to rejoice about and much to concern us. And yet, as Christians we are to remain hopeful and even joyful, indeed it is our duty! Why? Because Jesus says so. *"In the world you will have trouble, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*(Jn 16:33). Consoling words, words of encouragement. It is easy to be overwhelmed by events, personal or otherwise, but he tells us to be of good cheer, be of good heart. A tall order, perhaps? But the secret is to remain close to the source of our joy and hope, the person of Jesus, who has lived our life here on earth and knows what it is to be fearful and anxious. He experienced such especially as he approached his passion and death. He was a man and nothing human is foreign to him. We, therefore, need to come to him in prayer and trust with our concerns and pain to receive comfort, strength and healing. So much is out of our control and all we can do as believing Christians is to surrender to the Lord that which burdens us and leave all outcomes to him. We do this in prayer, believing that what is impossible to us is possible to God. So in the eye of the storm we let go into God. This may not bring about an immediate solution but we now know that we have a divine companion to share the experience with and because he is the stronger, we can lean on him and regain strength and hope to continue the journey of life and the journey of faith. Remember that invitation of the Lord, *"Come to me all who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest."* Let us take him at his word and accept the invitation each day and feel the burden being lifted. This is not escapism on our part but a means of coping with life and its uncertainties relying on a higher power who is always there for us. Jesus is our brother as well as our Lord. He walks with us as our companion but also as one who can work miracles. The hand of the Lord is not foreshortened! Yes, we have our troubles, but take heart, as Jesus tells us. He is with us, the source of our hope and good cheer.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory **St Joseph's £1619.80**
Peter's Pence **St Joseph's £394.95**

Our Lady's £193.65 **Thank you**
Our Lady's £65.06