

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

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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR**
17th July 2022



NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter printed next Sunday, so please retain this copy for the Mass intentions and the weekly lists for the week beginning 24th July.

MASS IN KEYSOE

There will be Mass celebrated in Keysoe Parish Church this Friday 22nd July at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

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	Fr Patrick Bailey, RIP
	9.30am	John Patrick Welsh, RIP
	11.00am	Mary Lombardo
	6.30pm	SVP Beneficiaries
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Nick & Bridie Keisters, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Ann Glackin
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Kora Thomas, RIP
Friday	<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	
	10.45am	Lawrence Stone, RIP
Saturday	<i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	
	10.45am	Fr Pius Duke
Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston		
Saturday	6.00pm	Patricia Martin, RIP

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: Kahari, Ndoro.

FLOWERS: Mrs Bino

NEXT SUNDAY: Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

Readers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: None until September

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new offertory envelopes for St Joseph's parish are now available for collection at the back of the church. If you wish to start using envelopes, please see Canon Seamus or Fr John.

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.

17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (24th July)

Mass Times St Joseph's

Sunday 8.15am Chinnamma Thomas, RIP
9.30am John Robinson, RIP
11.00am Paul Wheeler, RIP
6.30pm Andrew McGowan, RIP

Monday St James

10.45am King Family

Tuesday SS Joachim & Anne

10.45am Gus & Mary Orr, RIP

Wednesday Feria

10.45am Rosemary Varghese

Thursday Feria

10.45am Fr Patrick Slaney

Friday St Martha

10.45am Regina Chanpda

Saturday Votive Mass of Our Lady

10.45am Felipe Cos Jr

Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday (23rd July)

6.00pm Thanksgiving (Ryan & Lisa)

Confessions: St Joseph's

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm

CLEANING: Daniels, Okonkwo

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: 18th Sunday of the Year

Readers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: None until September

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.

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.

KSC QUIZ

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

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Most of us, I suppose, would sympathise with Martha in today's gospel. Jesus seems to chide her and praises her sister, Mary, for choosing the better part. Mary had time for the Lord, to be with him, to listen to him, recognising that this was a moment of grace. Martha missed this, distracted by all her preparations. Mary was the one who made Jesus feel at home and welcomed by her attentive presence. In prayer we are called to give our attention to the Lord, to leave aside our activities, which can consume us, and give our time to him in that moment of encounter. This takes some discipline as our minds are distracted by so many things. We need to sit at the feet of the Lord and not be afraid to be alone with him. We understand the need of rest from our daily activities. It's the same with our spiritual lives of faith. Resting in the Lord like Mary so that we can continue to serve him like Martha.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory	St Joseph's £1032.78	Our Lady's £433.42	Thank you
Apostleship of the Sea	St Joseph's £355.18	Our Lady's £72.46	