

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

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**TWENTY SEVENTH
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
2nd October 2022



PLEASE NOTE

Mass this Thursday will be at 9.30am.

CAFOD TALK

There is a short talk at all Masses today about the work of CAFOD in preparation for a second collection to be taken on Sunday 9th October.

PARISH FORUM

There will be a meeting of the Parish Forum on Friday 7th October at 7.30pm in the Guild Room.

ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR

The relics of St Bernadette, to whom Our Lady appeared at Lourdes, will be arriving in our diocese at Northampton Cathedral on Monday 10th October at 3pm. Veneration every day to 13th October inclusive from 7am to 10.15pm. All are welcome to visit the Cathedral. Please see poster in the porch for full details.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Patricia Bulbeck, RIP
9.30am People of the Parish
11.00am Ryan Mann, RIP
6.30pm Patricia Peachey

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Joseph Mudaliar, RIP

Tuesday *St Francis of Assisi*

10.45am Anne Simmonds, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Dennis Gilbert, RIP

Thursday *St Bruno*

9.30am Evelyn Foy, RIP

Friday *Our Lady of the Rosary*

10.45am Eunice & Tony Benn

Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*

10.45am Martin Nsoyuni, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm John & Catherine Coffey, RIP

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: Cummings, Masih, Bahoum

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year

Readers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: Raoul & Jo Bull

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

We hope to run a parish pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, if there is sufficient interest, from 1st to 7th May 2023. Price £1,290 per person sharing on a half-board basis. Single room supplement of £50. Flying from Stansted Airport. A deposit of £350 is required by 31st October. Please let me know if interested in this proposed pilgrimage as soon as possible.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to be involved in the Children's Liturgy in St Joseph's at the 9.30am Sunday Mass on a rota basis. If interested, please inform Canon Seamus.

CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Would you like to learn more about your Catholic faith? Consider joining online to follow the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies or Diocesan Certificate in Religious Studies? Both courses offer the same modules in Scripture and Catholic Theology with the CCRS leading to a nationally recognised qualification. The course deepens your knowledge and understanding of the faith. To find out more about the course, contact Ann Collon by email:

educationserviceadmin@northamptondiocese.org
or visit www.northamptondioceseschools.org

YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE

There will be a Youth Ministry Conference at the St Thomas Centre, Northampton Cathedral on Saturday 8th October, 10.30am – 4.00pm, for all those working with young people in the Church; youth ministers, catechists, chaplains, teachers and volunteers. The theme of the Conference is, Called to Love, exploring the Church's teaching on Sexuality and Identity. Cost of the day is £10. More information about the Conference and the booking form can be found on the website: www.nymo.org/conference

WARM ROOM

St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton Road, is proposing to open a 'warm room' as winter approaches, offering a space where anyone can come to warm themselves, have free hot drinks, use the Wi-Fi and charge their phones. There will also be access to referrals for the food bank, plus informal money advice from the Money Advice team at St Andrews for any who might need it. The room will be hosted to ensure a warm welcome from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. If anyone would like to offer a couple of hours a week to this, then please let me know.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Betty Collins and Ryan Mann. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

'Lay all your cares about the future trustingly in God's hands, and let yourself be guided by the Lord just like a little child.' St Teresa Benedicta

REFLECTION

There is one question that we will not ask in heaven and that is, *'How are you?'* In that land all we desire and need will be ours. All perfection and fulfilment, all longings of the heart, all beauty, wonder and awe will fill our eternal days. No more tears or sadness, no more suffering of any kind and no more death and separation. The land of our dreams! Though it will not be a dream, but reality! This is why Jesus came into our world. Did he not say, *"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."* (Jn 10:10). We should keep all this in mind, especially when times are difficult, knowing that nothing in this life lasts and we are made for and long for eternity. Whilst on this side of eternity we have a work to, we have our duties to perform and our responsibilities especially if we are raising a family. But we do so enlivened by our Christian faith and in the light of eternity. And that is important because it helps to put things in perspective and avoid becoming too engrossed in the present moment. You might have heard the saying, *'He is so heavenly minded that he's no earthly good!'* I would dispute that. Those who keep heaven in mind also keep this world in mind as a gift to be taken care of as stewards of God's good creation. Being heavenly minded is an incentive to work for the common good in this world because our future destiny depends on how we have lived our lives in this world. And indeed, this material world is destined to share the glory of the children of God when Christ will return and transform the whole of creation, no longer subject to corruption and decay. This perspective opens our eyes and hearts to the wonder of creation and this vast universe. It reveals the beauty of life itself to be received as a gift to be lived and enjoyed despite the sadness that can mar it at times. Sometimes it happens that God graces us with a deep sense of peace and joy which is not of this world. It is in fact a foretaste of heaven, a glimpse of what is yet to be in all its wonder and fullness. Our minds and hearts should often turn towards that future life realising that, compared to eternity, this life is but a blink of the eye! That thought will help put things in proper perspective and save us from excessive worry, which is a waste of time, really. We go forward, then, with our journey's end in sight, not in any morbid way but in the realisation that the real adventure of life is only about to begin.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1206.83

Our Lady's £209.90

Thank you