

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

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## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

11<sup>th</sup> September 2022



### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	John Ryan, RIP
	11.00am	Maria Gaitan, RIP
	6.30pm	Varghese Family
Monday	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	
	10.45am	John Petts
Tuesday	<i>St John Chrysostom</i>	
	10.45am	Alan Wright, RIP
Wednesday	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	
	10.45am	John Podesta, RIP
Thursday	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	
	10.45am	Fr Boniface
Friday	<i>SS Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>	
	10.45am	Nick & Bridie Keisters, RIP
Saturday	<i>St Robert Bellarmine</i>	
	10.45am	Annamma Mathew, RIP
<b>Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston</b>		
Saturday	6.00pm	Sam Connors, RIP

### Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

### ASSISTANT PRIEST

A new assistant priest has been assigned to us, arriving on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. His name is Fr Galeji Mulupuri from Telangana State, India. He belongs to the Religious Society of the Missionaries of Compassion. We look forward to welcoming him.

### FIRST COMMUNION 2023

Enrolment forms for First Communion classes (beginning in the autumn) are now available from the sacristy.

### INTERNATIONAL MEAL

As part of our on-going fundraising efforts for our parish project, we are holding an International Meal on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Italian Church Hall, Woburn Road. Tickets at £5 per person on sale today after all Masses.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**I will leave this place and go to my father.**

**ROSARY:** Daily at 10.20am

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

**CLEANING:** Cummings, Bahoum, Johnson

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Bino

**NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year**

**Readers:** Rota Week 4

**Children's Liturgy:** Later this month

### HOME MISSION SUNDAY

There will be a second collection next Sunday at all Masses for the Home Missions which seeks to share the gospel and our Catholic faith in this land through the Mission Department of the Bishop's Conference.

### PAKISTAN FLOODS APPEAL

There will be an opportunity to donate to the Pakistan Floods Appeal today with a retiring collection. We have seen how devastating the floods are in large parts of the country. Please donate as you are able to this appeal by CAFOD and other aid agencies. Thank you.

## **TEA & TALK**

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, in Our Lady's Meeting Room, Kempston, the Tea & Talk group is meeting again at 2.30pm. Come and enjoy a cup of tea and chat with fellow parishioners.

## **EDUCATION SUNDAY**

Today is Education Sunday when we are asked to pray for and support our Catholic schools. There will be a brief talk after the 9.30am and 11am Masses today about our local schools and how we can support them.

## **DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIED LIFE**

Bishop David invites us to the Diocesan Mass for Married Life at Northampton Cathedral, Kingsthorpe Road, NN2 6AG, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, gathering from 11.30am followed by Mass at 12 noon. Bishop David will give his pastoral blessing to those couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage e.g. 1, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 years etc. If you are celebrating such a milestone, please contact 07824 386804 or [mass.mfl@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:mass.mfl@northamptondiocese.org). All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available in the Cathedral Centre after the Mass.

## **PARISH BBQ**

Thanks to all who attended the Parish BBQ last Saturday which raised £121 for our parish project. A special thanks to Mary Frost and Rosemary Mitchell who prepared the barbeque.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

There will be a Youth Ministry Conference at the St Thomas Centre, Northampton Cathedral on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.nymo.org/conference).

## **REQUIESCANT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Anne Simmonds and Ryan Mann.

## **CAFOD**

All are invited to hear about CAFOD's work, how we are responding to the world food crisis with focus on East Africa. Coffee/tea from 10am for 10.30am start until 1.00pm followed by a shared lunch. Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Sept St Augustine's Church, 1 Langcliffe Drive, Heelands, Milton Keynes, MK13 7PL. Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Sept St Teresa's Hall, 40 Warwick Road, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PL.

## **REFLECTION**

I came across this spiritual advice recently from the martyr-saint Teresa Benedicta: *'And when night comes and you look back over the day and see how fragmentary everything has been and how much you planned that has gone undone and all the reasons you have to be embarrassed and ashamed: just take everything exactly as it is, put it in God's hands and leave it with him.'* Wise counsel from a great saint. If only we could heed it, but we find it difficult to let go and surrender into God's hands; we like to be in control and we hold on and allow these things to worry us and stress us which makes things worse. It takes real living faith to surrender to the Lord in moments like this, but if we do, the burden becomes easier, even though the problems may remain. We have someone now to share the experience with and he is the Lord who wants to help us if we let him. We can burden ourselves unnecessarily with so many worries or happenings beyond our control. Bring them before the Lord. Remember his invitation: *'Come to me all who labour and are over-burdened and I will give you rest.'* That's a promise and Jesus does not break his promises. Just tell him how it is. Be natural with him in prayer. Be upset, be angry, be perplexed, be you! Above all else don't stop talking to God, don't stop praying, don't stop trusting. Surrender to him, leave all outcomes to him. Peace is the fruit of such trusting surrender. Strength, too, to keep going and not lose heart. In the life of faith there is much that can and will test us but the Lord does not leave us alone in our time of trial. He is especially close then. We just need to know that and call on his name for it has power to save and to raise up. *'In the world you will have trouble, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.'* Take heart, therefore, and keep walking the walk of faith and trust.

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1505.00**

**Our Lady's £189.65**

**Thank you**