

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

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**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR**
18th September 2022



ASSISTANT PRIEST

A new assistant priest has been assigned to us, arriving this Tuesday 20th 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.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

There is a second collection today 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.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am People of the Parish
9.30am Brendan Ryan, RIP
11.00am Deepak Thaper
6.30pm Maria Gaitan, RIP

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP

Tuesday *St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions*

10.45am James Foy, RIP

Wednesday *St Matthew*

10.45am Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Chachi Thomas, RIP

Friday *St Pio of Pietrelcina*

10.45am Leah, Emma & Paige

Saturday *Our Lady of Walsingham*

10.45am Liubov Nikifozova, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Karl Ressler, RIP

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: Nodoro, Kahari

FLOWERS: Mrs Bino

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year

Readers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: Will re-start in October

PAKISTAN FLOODS APPEAL

Many thanks for your generous contributions to the Pakistan Floods Appeal which raised £821.20 from St Joseph's and £89.80 from Our Lady's.

TEA & TALK

On Monday 19th 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. Everyone welcome.

PARISH PROJECT

We have been raising funds for the MS Centre in Bedford and the International Refugee Trust these past 12 months. We have raised the marvellous sum of £6,258 which will be split between the two charities. Thank you so much for supporting our efforts and the generosity of your giving, especially in these stringent times. The Fundraising group will be meeting soon to discuss our next project.

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 1st 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. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available in the Cathedral Centre after the Mass.

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.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

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

For the Happy Repose of HM The Queen

Almighty God, grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen, whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands, may be rewarded with that eternal life promised to all born again in the water of baptism and the power of your Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the King

O God, to whom every human power is subject, grant to your servant His Majesty the King wisdom in exercise of his high office, so that, always referring to you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REFLECTION

'A sacrament is an event when Christ meets us and we meet him. When you come to think of it, the present moment can be a meeting point between God and us. It is only "now", in the present moment that we meet him, here and now. Some people spend a lot of time looking back on their lives, others spend time daydreaming about the future, but the important moment is now. In any present moment we can meet God. At any moment we can just think about God and send a quick message to him. It may be a fleeting thought or a word spoken. For instance, I can just say "I am trying to love you", or "please help me", or "I am sorry about this or that". The present moment is always precious. Like a sacrament, it is a meeting point between God and ourselves' (Cardinal Basil Hume). The sacrament of the present moment! A wonderful insight by the late and saintly cardinal. A reminder that we can meet God anywhere because he is always there to be met, to be encountered and engaged with. He is not a distant and remote God, unconcerned about the trivia of our daily lives. He wants to be involved, he wants to be let in and be part of our lives no-matter how ordinary and dull they may be at times. God in Christ walks with us and only wants our friendship. As Pope Francis remarked, 'What God cares about most is that we are his friends.' So among all our friends, don't leave God out, don't exclude him. He is in fact our best friend who will not let us down but who is always loyal and there for us. And so accessible! We don't have to go looking for him. He is in hearts that are open to him. He is at home in such. "Make your home in me as I make mine in you" (Jn 15:4). Turn to the Lord at any moment during the day or night with a loving look, a sigh or just a quick word of recognition, a plea for help, an act of sorrow, of faith, of gratitude. Whatever! Just don't ignore him. He is here in the present moment.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory St Joseph's £1406.65
Pakistan Floods Appeal St Joseph's £821.20

Our Lady's £267.55
Our Lady's £89.80

Thank you