

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

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**TWENTY SIXTH  
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
25<sup>th</sup> September 2022



## Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Siby & Family  
9.30am Marsala Family, RIP  
11.00am Anne Simmonds, RIP  
6.30pm Dariusz Wieczorek, RIP

## Monday *SS Cosmas & Damian*

10.45am Antoni Kozlowski

## Tuesday *St Vincent de Paul*

10.45am Margaret Chesham

## Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Franc Rozman, RIP

## Thursday *SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael*

10.45am Mary Wright, RIP

## Friday *St Jerome*

10.45am Jovita Nsoyuni, RIP

## Saturday *St Therese of Lisieux*

10.45am Veronica Nsoyuni, RIP

## Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Celine D'Souza, RIP

## Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

## WELCOME

We welcome to our parishes Fr Galeji Mulupuri newly arrived from Telangana State, India. We pray for his fruitful ministry among us.

## FIRST COMMUNION 2023

Enrolment forms for First Communion classes should be handed in today, please. Parents meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.15pm in St Joseph's church.

## CAFOD TALK

There will be a short talk at all Masses next Sunday about the work of CAFOD in preparation for a second collection to be taken on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

## FUNDRAISING MEETING

There will be a meeting of the parish fundraising group this Friday at 7.30pm in the Guild Room.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

**ROSARY:** Daily at 10.20am

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

**CLEANING:** Daniels, Okonkwo, Masih

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Redmond

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

**Readers:** Rota Week 2

**Children's Liturgy:** Will re-start in October

## PARISH FORUM

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

## FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for the much needed gift of peace.

## **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.

## **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](http://www.nymo.org/conference).

## **THANKS**

The International Meal Evening held just over a week ago for our parish project raised £170. Thanks to all who attended and especially to those who provided the delicious and varied dishes from the different countries represented. Thank you.

## **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.

*'Our families need to ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Through prayer, even in the busiest times, we give time back to God, we find the peace that comes from appreciating the important things, and we encounter the joy of God's unexpected gifts. Through daily prayer may our homes become, like the house of Martha and Mary, places where Jesus always finds a warm welcome.'*

Pope Francis

## **REFLECTION**

Have you ever been transported by the vision of a beautiful sunset or a piece of music or a work of art or the vista of a mountain range or a starry night? All these things are but a pale reflection of what is to greet us when we enter the life of heaven, the life of eternity. They speak of beauty, truth and goodness, all to be found in God. It's important that we hold on to these glimpses of what is to be in all its perfection, especially as there is so much in our world situation and our personal lives that can rob us of what we are made for. To keep hold of this vision of the good, the beautiful and the true, we need to remain close to their source, God himself. We encounter him in a special way in the sacraments, particularly in the Mass and in our personal prayer life. This will take time and effort on our part and the realisation that so much we rely on is passing and does not satisfy. We are made for more and we know it! We have a longing for the transcendent because we ourselves are transcendent beings, made in the image and likeness of God. He has put this longing into our hearts and we must acknowledge it, for it defines us as human beings. The recognition of what is good, beautiful and true reveals the truth of our human nature and so it should be natural for us to seek him who is the longing of our hearts. And yet we don't find it all that easy to enter into a deep personal relationship with the Lord. We are distracted by many things which dulls our sense of the divine, the person who awaits our love and attention. Or perhaps things have happened in our lives that make us cynical, or sad and empty. Go to him who alone can take these negative feelings away and fill us with the beauty of his presence and his healing touch. Then we shall begin to see the wonder of this world, of human life itself as a gift to be enjoyed and celebrated and protected. We shall begin to see with his eyes and everything will be transformed and our hearts will begin to lift. Our recognition of what is good, beautiful and true is a sound instinct for it betokens a world where they will ever endure and await our presence to take our place among the angels of God, the vision of whom will constitute our eternal happiness. We live by faith and not by sight but the eyes of faith see beyond to what no eye has seen, nor ear heard nor the mind conceived, what God has in store for those who love him.

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

**Offertory** St Joseph's £1796.00  
**Home Mission Sunday** St Joseph's £379.01

**Our Lady's** £221.00  
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**Thank you**