

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

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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9th October 2022



TALK TO PARENTS

There will be a talk to the parents of those children registered for First Holy Communion next year this Thursday at 7.15pm in St Joseph's church.

CAFOD SECOND COLLECTION

There is a second collection to be taken today at all Masses for the work of CAFOD.

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 porch for full details.

PARISH QUIZ

There will be a Parish Quiz on Friday 21st October at 7.30pm in the Guild Room in aid of our parish project which, for a second year, is the Bedford MS Centre and the International Refugee Trust. Tickets on sale next Sunday.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Patricia Herbert-Gilbert, RIP
9.30am Michael & Catherine Micallef, RIP
11.00am In Thanksgiving (Rony)
6.30pm V.C. Mathew, RIP

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Anne Maria Clarke, RIP

Tuesday *Pope St John XXIII*

10.45am Reddy Family

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Siza Mazibuko

Thursday *St Edward the Confessor*

10.45am Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP

Saturday *St Teresa of Avila*

10.45am May Fee, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Suja Varghese

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: Ngoro, Masih, Kahari

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year

Readers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Bimla & Natalie

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.

LITTLE WAY HEALING MINISTRIES

The Little Way Healing Ministries will be with us in St Joseph's church this Saturday from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. All are invited to come and pray for personal healing and for those we wish to pray for.

THE GATHERING 2022

The Northampton Diocese Women's Group warmly invites us to an afternoon of sharing, reflection, synodal conversation, worship and prayer at Thornton College, MK17 0HJ on Saturday 22nd October from 1.00pm to 5.00pm. There is no charge for this event but please book on: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/416930188417.

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, email Ann Collon: educationserviceadmin@northamptondiocese.org or visit www.northamptondioceseschools.org.

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 Mary Coblenz and Miles McCann. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

BEDFORD FOODBANK

Many thanks for your continued support of the Bedford Foodbank. In September it fed 1,901 people. The following are food items that are needed: Tinned meat, tuna, vegetables, tomatoes and rice pudding. Jars of curry sauce, pasta sauce and jam. 500g bags of rice, UHT fruit juice, packets of biscuits. These can be placed in the green bin in St Joseph's church and the box inside the porch at Our Lady's church.

PRISONERS' SUNDAY

Today is Prisoners' Sunday, the start of Prisoners' Week. Please see the noticeboard for the prayer intentions for each day. We are also invited to say the Rosary outside Bedford Prison at 2pm on Sat 15th October led by the Catholic lay chaplain.

REFLECTION

Our world in the political arena and the arena of international relations seems to be in a state of Heraclitian Flux, a term to describe the theory of the Greek philosopher Heraclitus. He saw everything in constant movement and change, nothing is certain or stable. But as human beings we need stability, we need certainty. We can't function properly without it. To be in a state of flux all the time is disorientating. We need a certain order to function, to relate, to build community. We need a still centre and, for us as Christians, that centre is Christ. He is the ground of our being, that anchor in life that stabilises us and gives us the security that we are in safe hands and that he will not allow us to be lost or destroyed. I am of the firm belief that no such mass destruction of our world will occur because it is God's world, his creation, which he has reclaimed as his when he came among us. He has a plan for us and this earth we inhabit and, whilst we can and have damaged it, he will not allow us to pre-empt its end. He has the ultimate say as to its destiny. Christ is the centre of the cosmos and he is our centre, where he holds us together in the bond of love which is stronger than death and the evil that man can do. So hold to him as your centre. He will not allow your life to spin out of control or live in a state of constant flux. That still centre is to be found in prayer. We need, and I mean need, to go to him who is the ground of our being, each day in humble, confident and trusting prayer. In him we will find peace for our anxious hearts and frayed nerves.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1192.03

Our Lady's £622.73 Thank you