

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

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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 30th October 2022



ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

This Tuesday is the feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. We celebrate our brothers and sisters, the saints in heaven, who intercede for us here on earth, as we make our pilgrim way home to join them in the life of the blessed in heaven. Then on Wednesday we celebrate the feast of All Souls and pray in a special way for our deceased loved ones and all the faithful departed, assisting them on their final journey to God with prayers and Masses during the month of November.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

If you wish to include the names of your deceased loved ones in the daily Masses during the month of November, then please list them and place the list in the envelopes provided at the back of the church and return these to the presbytery or the church.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The classes begin this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room. Access from Church Street. All must attend, please.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Sabichan & Family
9.30am People of the Parish
11.00am Claudia & Oliver Rennie, RIP
6.30pm Dick Gardner, RIP

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Juby Varghese

Tuesday *All Saints*

7.30am People of the Parish
10.45am Franciska Rozman, RIP
7.30pm Aliya Yohannan

Wednesday *All Souls*

10.45am Rosalind Richardson, RIP
7.30pm Gerard Boland, RIP

Thursday *St Martin de Porres*

10.45am Siza Mazibuko

Friday *St Charles Borromeo*

10.45am John & Gillian Moore

Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*

10.45am Anna Ruff

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Celine D'Souza, RIP
Tuesday 7.30pm Michael Keane, RIP
Wednesday 7.30pm Holy Souls

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will bless your name forever, O God my King.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: Ndoro, Kahari, Masih

FLOWERS: Mrs Price

NEXT SUNDAY: Thirty Second Sunday of the Year

Readers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: Raoul & Jo Bull

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

Those who have expressed an interest in the Rome and Assisi pilgrimage from 1st to 7th May 2023 are asked to send booking forms to Pilgrimage People very soon, please. Booking forms can be obtained from the presbytery. **Please don't delay** as we can only hold these prices for a short time. Price £1,290 per person sharing on a half-board basis. Single room supplement of £50. A deposit of £350 is required with booking.

FATHER BONIFACE

We welcome our friend Fr Boniface to our parish once more. He will be staying with us for a couple of months for a well-deserved rest from his parish duties in Uganda.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for peace.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual blessing of graves will take place as follows: Foster Hill Road Sunday 6th November. Norse Road Sunday 13th November and Kempston Sunday 13th November. Each service will begin with prayers near the entrance to the cemetery at 2.30pm followed by the blessing of individual graves.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Christmas Draw tickets on sale at £2.50 a book after Mass from today onwards. Prizes for the Draw gratefully received and can be left at the presbytery or church.

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Our Christmas card stall is now open after the Masses at the back of the church, selling cards and other seasonal items. Profits towards the parish project.

CAFOD CAMPAIGN

CAFOD is running a campaign "Fix the Food System" which aims to highlight the problems in global food production and distribution that mean millions of people are hungry or starving every day. We can all do something to help. We will be distributing Action Cards at all Masses today which gives information and ideas on how to make our voices heard on this.

EVC UGANDA GIFT AID SECRETARY

EVC Uganda is looking for a volunteer Gift Aid Secretary. For further information please contact Ted Fawcett on 838134 or 07561 424486.

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a short healing service after the 6.30pm Mass next Sunday.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection next Sunday at all Masses for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund.

REFLECTION

I have just spent a few days on retreat with the Benedictine monks of Worth Abbey, Sussex. Joining the monks in praying (singing) the Divine Office several times a day in their measured tone, I entered into a different rhythm of life where the day is marked by intervals of prayer. Rather different from my normal day where it is usually marked by door bells, phone calls, urgent emails (they are always urgent!), and interruptions of one kind or another. So the rhythmic routine of the monastery was a calming relief for me and one which I will try to emulate as best I can (no, I'm not becoming a monk!). I can do so in praying my Office at set times and giving time to extended prayer so that my day becomes less frenetic and more balanced. Wish me luck! We are all busy people, especially if we are raising a family and making a living. And although we do not have the structured life of a monastic setting we can try, somehow, to fit into God's rhythm, where we punctuate our busyness with some God-time, allowing space for him as a reminder to ourselves that he is there and wants to be involved in our daily lives. In the monastic life it is God who is the master of time. No matter what work the monks may be at, they stop as soon as the bell rings, calling them to prayer. God is in charge and the monk enters God's time, and through the praying of the Office and holy Mass he sanctifies the hours of the day. Sanctifying the hours of the day acknowledges that time is a gift to be used well and for the good. Otherwise time can either be a drag or misused or simply wasted. To sanctify time means handing it over to God and asking him to bless and guide us as we strive to do the good, to live in a manner pleasing to him. To do this we need a rhythm of prayer. We need to put aside some time to this activity, and it is an activity just as any converse with another is such. This will demand some effort and discipline because prayer doesn't come naturally to us, given our weakness when that easy intimacy and rapport with God was lost with original sin. But it is possible if it is willed. So will it, want it, and a felt stillness will begin to seep into our busy day, easing the burden and restoring peace.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory St Joseph's £1007.89
World Mission Sunday St Joseph's £678.86

Our Lady's £208.94
Our Lady's £149.65

Thank you