

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

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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6th November 2022



MGR TONY MCDERMOTT RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Monsignor Tony McDermott. Many of you will know him from his supply work in St Joseph's and Our Lady's. Also pray for the soul of Fr Ken Payne who was parish priest for some years in SS Philip & James. May they receive the reward of their faithful ministry in the diocese.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual blessing of graves will take place as follows: Foster Hill Road today 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.

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.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Joseph Thoppil & Aleyamma, RIP
	9.30am	Holy Souls
	11.00am	Barrie Hood, RIP
	6.30pm	Evelyn Foy, RIP
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Lupoli Guarino & Alex Dillon, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Blessed John Dun Scotus</i>	
	10.45am	Julija Silvestras Eugenijus, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	
	10.45am	Holy Souls
Thursday	<i>Pope St Leo the Great</i>	
	10.45am	Chris & Eric McNaughton, RIP
Friday	<i>St Martin of Tours</i>	
	10.45am	Benidicto Lara Reyes Jr, RIP
Saturday	<i>St Josaphat</i>	
	10.45am	Mary Frost
Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston		
Saturday	6.00pm	Holy Souls

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I shall be filled when I awake with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: Daniels, Okonkwo, Masih

FLOWERS: Mrs Price

NEXT SUNDAY: Thirty Third Sunday of the Year

Readers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Raoul & Jo Bull

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

Those who have expressed an interest in the Rome and Assisi pilgrimage from 1st – 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.

SECOND COLLECTION

There is a second collection today at all Masses for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.

LATIN MASS

The Latin Mass society will be celebrating a Latin Mass in the Tridentine Rite on Saturday 12th November in St Joseph's at 12 noon in reparation for abortion. All welcome. No Exposition that day.

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.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will be meeting this Monday 7th November at 3.00pm in Our Lady's, Kempston. All are welcome.

MASS IN KEYSOE

Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's church, Keysoe on Friday 11th Nov at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

LUX.FLAWLESS

This is an event organised by the Diocesan Youth Ministry for all those in Year 7 – 13 aged 11 – 18 years old. It is a weekend packed with activities, faith exploration and fun. Date: 3rd – 5th February 2023 at the King's Park Conference Centre, Northampton. Cost £120 which includes accommodation, all meals and all activities. Email: fiona@nymo.org or visit www.nymo.org/lux.

YOUR LEGACY

Invest in the future of the parish or the diocese. Gifts in your will are a memorable and lasting way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Please consider gifts for the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your will. For further information visit www.northamptondiocese.org/your-legacy or contact Brian Emmanuel on 01604 600337 or brian.emmanuel@northamptondiocese.org

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the soul of James McLoone.

HEALING SERVICE

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

AGM PASTORAL AREA COUNCIL

We are invited to the AGM and Mass for the Bedford Pastoral Area Council on Wednesday 9th November at the Sacred Heart Church, Pope Close, Flitwick MK45 1JP.

REFLECTION

We live in a secular society meaning that most people live as if there is no God, living as it were horizontally, without the vertical dimension of religion. A secular society does not deny religion but regulates it to the private domain. Religion i.e. the values of the gospel, the meaning of life, the existence of God and life after death, is treated as a private affair. Furthermore, once the Creator is forgotten the creature is lost sight of as well. Hence human life is de-valued and so can be abused or disposed of e.g. abortion and euthanasia. Moral confusion sets in as well in the whole realm of human sexuality and gender identity, in the acceptance of objective truth (relativism), humanism, (being good without God) and novel concepts of right and wrong. It is not easy, therefore, to live and witness to our Christian values. We live in alien territory in this matter. But, as St Paul tells us, we must preach the gospel in season and out of season, in the hope that the seed sown will in time bear fruit. Remember, the Church started with just twelve apostles and, over time, spread throughout the world. We are to continue, then, in that same spirit of hope and faith and courage and leave the rest to the power of God who is with us in all our endeavours and our determination to remain true to the gospel and the person of Jesus. Not an easy task, especially when we try to retrieve our religion from the private domain into the public arena. It was satisfying, though, to see this done in a very overt way at the Queen's funeral, where our Christian heritage was seen on full display without apology. The Christian faith was very important and influential in her life and role as monarch, and it is good to see King Charles espousing that same public declaration of faith. May we be more in evidence as Catholics, unapologetic about our beliefs, able to give an account of our hope and joy.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1259.00

Our Lady's £218.78

Thank you