

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

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CHRIST THE KING

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HOLY HOUR

There is a Holy Hour in St Joseph's today with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 3.00pm to mark the feast of Christ the King. Come and spend some time in prayer before the Lord.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The next fundraising event for our parish project is a Christmas Concert in St Joseph's church on Friday 16th December at 7.30pm. We are looking for new and old talent. So if you enjoy performing, are able to sing or play an instrument or juggle or whatever, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Canon Seamus or Mary Frost 07708 264054 or Anna Ruff 07938 889856.

LIFT TO MASS

Can anyone offer a lift to Sunday Mass to an elderly lady living in Bromham? Please let me know.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Paulose & Rosakutty, RIP
9.30am William Orr, RIP
11.00am Alfonso Bucangallo Jr, RIP
6.30pm James Foy, RIP

Monday *Presentation of Our Lady*

10.45am Daniel Reddy, RIP

Tuesday *St Cecilia*

10.45am Holy Souls

Wednesday *St Columban*

10.45am Holy Souls

Thursday *St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions*

10.45am Rosalind Richardson, RIP

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Holy Souls

Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*

10.45am Holy Souls

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Holy Souls

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: Ndoro, Kahari, Masih

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday of Advent

Readers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: Edward & Geraldine Byrne

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.

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Christmas stall at the back of the church, selling cards and other seasonal items.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Christmas Draw tickets on sale at £2.50 a book after Mass. Prizes for the draw gratefully received and can be left at the presbytery or church. Profits in aid of our parish project.

TEA & TALK

The Tea & Talk group will be meeting this Monday in Our Lady's, Kempston at 2.30pm. All are most welcome.

WEBINAR

Join Bishop David Monday 21st November, 7.30pm to discuss next steps for the Synod in our diocese, including launching our diocesan assembly on 15th July 2023. To register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/launching-our-diocesan-assembly-with-bishop-david-tickets-451827617567>. For more information about the Synod: www.northamptondiocese.org/for-a-synodal-church

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. Please pick up a bookmark from the back of the church which explains more.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray the repose of the souls of Philip Allen and Mick Daniels. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

REFLECTION

The Church invites us in this month of November to think especially about those who have died and to pray for them. Everyone experiences the closeness of death at some time. There is no escape from it. The experience of death of someone close to us can be one of the most painful experiences we will ever suffer. Yet our faith can come to help us. The prayers of the Church suggest ways of understanding this mystery. The words from the preface of Christian Death in the Missal says, *'Lord for your faithful people life is changed not ended.'* The key to happiness is life and life is changed. We often feel threatened by change. We become accustomed to things the way they are. Change means leaving aside the old and familiar and accepting something new and different. Change is a sort of death to the past. So an answer to the problem of death may be to recognise the necessity for change day by day and we will be prepared for the change when death comes. We talk about dying with Christ and such dying means changing. We leave aside sin and selfishness if we are to be fully alive in him. We die to self to be born again in Christ. If we change a little each day for the good, we die a little each day. When the Lord calls us to himself we will be well prepared. The final change then will be but a simple step. God made us for life not death. *'You love all that exists...you whose imperishable spirit is in all.'* (Wisdom 11:23). It is in Jesus that we realise the promises are fulfilled. We are made for eternal life and in Christ we find life forever. *"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."* (Jn. 11:21-26). There is no question of a mistake here. Jesus knew what death meant. He suffered death on the cross but by his power over death he wants us to know that death is not the end. When we come to Mass we enter into communion with the risen Christ. He promised that, *"Anyone who eats my body and drinks my blood has eternal life."* (Jn. 6). We are alive in him! And if we remain alive in him, it will not matter when death comes; we will live in him forever. Life is simply changed, not ended. *O Lord, support all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last. Amen.* Cardinal Newman

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1323.75

Our Lady's £439.59

Thank you

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund

St Joseph's £389.53

Our Lady's £70.60