

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

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 8th October 2023



PARENTS MEETING - FIRST COMMUNION

There will be a meeting of parents of the children making their First Holy Communion next year this Thursday at 7.15pm in St Joseph's church. It is important that you attend, please.

CAFOD SECOND COLLECTION

There is a second collection today for the work of CAFOD. Please use the envelopes provided for this collection in the church porch. Please fill in the Gift Aid slip if you are a tax payer. This will help to increase the income for CAFOD. Thank you.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

The Mothers' Prayers group meet this Monday after the 10.45am Mass in the Reconciliation Chapel. All mothers invited to pray for their children.

PARISH FORUM

The Parish forum meets this Friday at 7.30pm in the Guild Room.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Patricia Gibbert, RIP
9.30am Ann Baker, RIP
11.00am People of the Parish
6.30pm Helen & Chris Rooke

Monday *St John Henry Newman*

10.45am Joseph Chirackal, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

10.45am In Thanksgiving: Johnson Family

Wednesday *Pope St John XXIII*

10.45am Beverly Ricci, RIP

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am KSC Dec'd Members

Friday *St Edward the Confessor*

10.45am Sophie Gmajner, RIP

Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*

10.45am Mathew Thomas

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Brian Nobbs

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: A Daniels, S Masih, R Okonkwo

FLOWERS: Mrs Bino

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

Readers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Edward & Geraldine Byrne

SAFEGUARDING

Within our diocesan safeguarding structures the healing and reconciliation group is focused entirely on representing the voice of survivors and reaching out to those who have been hurt by abuse. As a diocese, we are particularly keen to encourage membership from those who have experience of abuse. We value your insight and would like to be able to listen, hear and act upon your advice to help improve our response to those who have been hurt by abuse. To make further enquiries, please contact the safeguarding office on 01604 723514 or at safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org.

SVP INFORMATION EVENING

There will be an information evening this Monday at 7.00pm in the Guild Room (access from Church Street) for those who have expressed an interest in joining our parish SVP Conference.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT

The Northampton Male Voice choir will be performing at Northampton Cathedral to raise funds for the Healing Garden. The garden, within the Cathedral grounds, is intended to provide a sanctuary for all in need of healing, with particular focus on the needs of those hurt by abuse. Please join us for a fantastic evening of music and entertainment. The concert starts at 7.30pm on Friday 20th October 2023. All welcome to attend. Tickets cost £15 and purchased at www.ticketsource.co.uk/northamptoncathedral or by calling 01604 714556.

NEW PARISH PROJECT

We are adopting a new parish project for the year ahead. It is a local charity called Headway Bedford which assists in rebuilding lives after brain injury. There will be the usual fundraising events to raise money for this charity. Thank you for your support over the year for our present project; the MS Centre, Bedford and the International Refugee Trust. With £200 raised from last week's BBQ, the final total for this is £4,449.89.

CHRISTMAS DRAW TICKETS

Yes, it's that time of year to be thinking about our parish Christmas Draw with tickets on sale after Mass each Sunday at £2.50 a book. Prizes for the draw gratefully received, please. Money raised in aid of our new parish project.

PARISH QUIZ

Our next fundraising event is a Parish Quiz on Friday 20th October at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. Tickets at £5 on sale next weekend.

GRAND PIANO

A Yamaha Grand GC1 piano is being offered free to anyone interested. Please contact Charlotte Smith on 07456 447965 or email: Charlottesmith2800@gmail.com.

FLOWERS - OUR LADY'S

We are looking for help in arranging flowers in Our Lady's. There is only one person doing this at the moment. Additional help much needed. Please let Mary Frost know if you would be able to volunteer.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Youth Ministry Internship Programme. The scheme gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the English Lake district. For more information, contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk.

PRISONERS' SUNDAY

Today is Prisoners' Sunday when we are invited to remember and to pray for prisoners and their families and for those who work in our prisons as chaplains and volunteers.

REFLECTION

Returning from my pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, I am grateful for the opportunity to come apart and rest a while. So much of our time is taken up with activity and we need to strike a balance for we are not machines. So this was an opportunity for myself and my fellow pilgrims just to be. It is only in quiet and stillness that we become sensitive to the presence and the voice of God. St Francis and St Clare of Assisi discovered this in the radical living out of the simplicity of the gospel, trusting in the Lord with a humble recognition of their poverty and need. That feeling of need before God gets lost when we begin to think that everything depends on me, and the activity of our busy minds and lives obscures our fragility and weakness. We are not as independent and as strong as we think. Our understanding and acceptance of this reality puts us in a right relationship with God and a peace that comes from letting go into him. This is humbling but that sense of freedom and accompanying joy is priceless. St Francis and St Clare pray for us.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kathleen Elliott and Carmen Giuliano. May they rest forever in the peace of the Lord.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1318.95

Our Lady's £213.00

Thank you