

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

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**TWENTY-EIGHTH
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
15th October 2023



Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Leydon family, RIP
9.30am J.S. Gerard Reddy, RIP
11.00am John Downey, RIP
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday *St Margaret Mary Alacoque*

10.45am Lilia Delos Reyes Apolinario, RIP

Tuesday *St Ignatius of Antioch*

10.45am Rosy Varghese, RIP

Wednesday *St Luke*

10.45am Elizabeth Reddy

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Conrado Cortez, RIP

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Daniel Reddy, RIP

Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*

10.45am Martin Cawley, RIP

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Saturday 6.00pm Charles Glackin, RIP

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

PARISH QUIZ

To kick off our fundraising events for our new parish project, Headway Bedford, we are having a Parish Quiz this Friday at 7.30pm in the Guild Room (access from Church Street). Tickets at £5 on sale after all Masses today. Do come along and give it your support. It's rather more fun than sitting in front of the telly!

CHURCH BENCHES

You may have noticed that the church benches in St Joseph's have been refurbished with scratches being removed from the arm-rests and then re-varnished and waxed. They took a bit of a battering during the covid period when we had to constantly wipe them down. I would ask parents of young children, especially, to not allow them to run sharp toys and the like across the benches, please. Thank you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: D Cummings, S Masih

FLOWERS: Mrs Bino

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

Readers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: Bimla & Natalie Mathew

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 at safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org or 01604 723514. There is a leaflet at the back of the church which you can take and read.

EVC UGANDA

Phil and Gordon Lland will be visiting Uganda from 7th to 22nd November. If you would like to send early Christmas cards to your sponsored children, please deliver or post to 83 Putnoe Lane, Bedford, MK41 9AQ, before departure day. Please write on the envelopes the child's name and your name as sponsor to assist distribution by the Ugandan administration team. A word of thanks to all who attended the recent concert for EVC Uganda which raised just over £800.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday when we are reminded of the worldwide mission of the Church to bring the good news of the Gospel to peoples everywhere offering them the hope and love of Jesus Christ. There will be second collection next Sunday to assist this work. Please take an envelope provided in the church porch and fill in the Gift Aid slip if you are able.

JESUS YOUTH UK

Marian Voyage is a Jesus Youth UK initiative that takes place every year during the month of October. A blessed statue of Our Lady will travel throughout the UK. This statue will be present in St Joseph's church on Friday 20th October after the 10.45am Mass for two hours. Prayers will be led by members of Jesus Youth on the day, to which we are invited.

CHRISTMAS DRAW TICKETS

These will be available from next Sunday onwards after each Mass at £2.50 a book. Prizes for the draw gratefully received, please. Money raised in aid of our new parish project.

LUX.DIVE

This is a residential weekend Friday 9th February to Sunday 11th February 2024 at the King's Park Conference Centre, Northampton. £125 for accommodation and meals. Open to Year 7-13. To book go to www.nymo.org/lux-dive

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.

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, email director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

REFLECTION

It is a mistaken notion that God is only interested in the important things of life, the big issues and not the small and ordinary. If he could make the tiniest insect or the smallest sub-atomic particle, would he not be concerned and interested with the little things in life, with what we may think are insignificant and unimportant? To believe otherwise is a mistake and keeps God out of our lives, and so he remains a distant figure who is only relevant when something of importance happens or when we are feeling helpless and desperate. But God is always present, in the ordinary, the small, the boring, and so we can confide in him whatever concerns us, be it ever so small and insignificant. We can share with him the minutiae of our lives without fear of bothering him or boring him, even. He delights to hear from us, in sharing with him our ordinary lives. Speak to him in the secret of your heart whatever may concern or occupy your thoughts, even if it is something that makes you angry or frustrated. Better to grumble and express our frustrations than to keep a cold silence before God. Keeping God out is fatal to our souls; it isolates us and increases that sense of hopelessness. No! Keep chuntering, give him an earful! He wants to hear from us and not receive the silent treatment. Don't harden your heart but give it to him, sharing whatever is going on there. He is interested and wants to hear from you and help you. So keep walking and talking, muttering and grumbling, even. Just don't stop communicating. He is all ears!

"Listen to me Lord and give answer for I am poor and needy. Save your servant who trusts in you, for you are my God. Take pity on me, I invoke you all the day long."

Psalm 86:1-3

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory	St Joseph's £1464.84
CAFOD Collection	St Joseph's £571.65

Our Lady's £178.34
Our Lady's £49.72

Thank you