

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

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

15th September 2024



THANK YOU

Headway Bedford, for whom we have been raising funds amounting to £6341 as our parish project, have sent us a signed card in thanks for our generous giving. The card is on display in the church porch of St Joseph's church. It will be on display in Our Lady's the following week. Again, thank you for your support. A new parish project will be announced shortly.

FIRST COMMUNION FORMS

The parents of those children wishing to make their First Confession and Holy Communion next year are asked to collect an enrolment form from the sacristy after Mass. Children must be in Year 3 or above. **Forms must be completed and handed in by Sunday 29th September.**

OLIVE WOOD SALE

There will be an Olive Wood Sale the weekend of 28th/29th September at all Masses with a brief talk about the situation in the Holy Land at the moment. Proceeds from the sale will help the Christian community there.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Fr Paul Chevasse, RIP
9.30am Alan Wright, RIP
11.00am Nick & Bridie Keisters, RIP
6.30pm Nik & Silvana & Family

Monday *SS Cornelius & Cyprian*

10.45am Fr Boniface

Tuesday *Feria*

10.45am Eunice & Tony Benn

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Marc Anthony

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Zenna Parren, RIP

Friday *SS Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions*

10.45am Daniel Reddy, RIP

Saturday *St Matthew*

10.45am Maria Graziano

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Jim Egan, RIP

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: S Masih, D Cummings

FLOWERS: Mrs Crow

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: Rebecca Lovesey & Mila

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

We are invited to Tea and Coffee after the 11am Mass today in the Guild Room. Come and share some social time together.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The school will be having an Open Evening for Year 6 on Thursday 3rd October from 6pm to 8pm. The Evening offers families the opportunity to hear from Headteacher Martin Bonner and meet with teaching staff and some of the current students. There will also be a tour of the school. Headteacher's talk at 6pm and 7pm.

PARISH FORUM

There will be a meeting of the Parish Forum on Friday 27th September at 7.30pm in the Guild Room.

25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 22nd September

Mass Times St Joseph's

Sunday 8.15am Nomos Matebian

9.30am Tomy Chirackal, RIP

11.00am Annamma Thomas, RIP

6.30pm Julijo, Silvestras, Eugenijus, RIP

Monday St Pio of Pietrelcina

10.45am Claudia Maria

Tuesday Our Lady of Walsingham

10.45am Kathleen Canavan, RIP

Wednesday FERIA

10.45am Neil Stanley, RIP

Thursday SS Cosmas & Damian

10.45am Gabriel West, RIP

Friday St Vincent de Paul

10.45am Anna Alessia & Alex

Saturday Votive Mass of Our Lady

10.45am Frank Rozman, RIP

Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday (21st Sept)

6.00pm Varkey Joseph, RIP

Confessions: St Joseph's

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm

CLEANING: S Masih, T Nodoro

FLOWERS: Mrs Crow

NEXT SUNDAY: 26th Sunday of the Year

Readers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: Rebecca Lovesey & Mila

NEWSLETTER

Again, there will be no newsletter printed next Sunday so please retain this one for weekly lists and Mass intentions and other news items.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

St Joseph's Friendship Circle meets on Wednesday 25th September in the Embankment Hotel at 7.00pm. All welcome to come along for a drink and a chat.

SECOND COLLECTION

There is a second collection today at all Masses for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. This collection assists the Church in this country to make known the Gospel.

ALPHA COURSE

We are invited to an Alpha Course at Christ the King Parish Hall, Harrowden Road, Bedford. This course is done in a Catholic context and is a great way of exploring the faith. It begins with food then follows a 25 min video. We then join in conversation exploring the themes raised in the video. So we are invited to the introductory evening on Thursday 26th September at 7.00pm. There is no cost but scan the QR Code on the poster in the porch to register interest. Posters are on display in St Joseph's and Our Lady's.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Escorted tour to Ireland to include venerating St Bernadette's Relics. Sunday 3rd November 2024. £899 per person sharing. Price includes flights, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with dinner and B&B. Lunch on certain days. All excursions and transport. Visit St Bernadette's Relics, Knock Shrine, Galway City, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey and Fr Peyton Centre. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

HOLY HOUR

To coincide with the National Eucharistic Congress being held in Oscott College, Birmingham, this weekend, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Joseph's from 3pm to 4pm today, 15th September. An opportunity for silent prayer.

HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE

As part of the Jubilee Year 2025 Bishop David will lead a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. Whilst in Rome we will have the opportunity to pass through the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica and visit other major sights in the city. The pilgrimage will end in Assisi. It will take place from 27th March to 3rd April 2025. All welcome. For more information visit: www.northamptondiocese.org/rome-and-assisii.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Moloney, Zenna Parren, John Asher and Teresita Chandler. John Moloney's funeral Mass will be Friday 20th September at 12.30pm in St Joseph's. John Asher's funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 24th September at 1.30pm in St Joseph's.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1285.22

Our Lady's £470.27

Thank you