

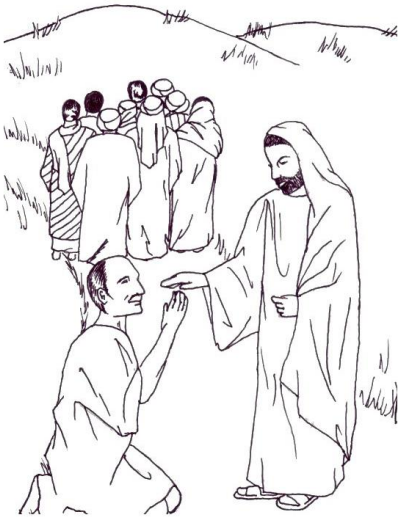
St Joseph's, Bedford & Our Lady's, Kempston

Parish Priest: Canon Seamus Keenan. Assistant Priest: Fr Liam Castle.

The Presbytery, 2 Brereton Road, Bedford MK40 1HU Tel: 352569

www.stjosephsbedford.org Email: parish.stjosephbedford@northamptondiocese.org

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 27th October 2024



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

This Friday is the feast of All Saints and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. We celebrate our brothers and sisters, the saints in heaven, who intercede for us as we make our pilgrim way to them. Mass times for the feast are listed.

ALL SOULS DAY

This Saturday we celebrate the feast of All Souls and pray in a special way for our deceased loved ones and all the faithful departed, assisting them on their final journey to God with prayers and Masses during the month of November.

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 them to the presbytery or the church.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS

Today after the 11am Mass in the Guild Room, tea and coffee. Come and meet fellow parishioners.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Joe Russell, RIP
9.30am John Orr, RIP
11.00am Juby Varghese
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday *SS Simon & Jude*

10.45am Jude Ibe, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

10.45am Bernard Atkins, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Johnson Family

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Edward McHugh, RIP

Friday *All Saints*

7.30am Marie Clarke, RIP
10.45am Franciska Rozman, RIP
7.30pm People of the Parish

Saturday *All Souls*

7.30am Intentions of Pope Francis
10.45am Holy Souls

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Bob Mitchell, RIP
All Saints 7.30pm Dinah Keane

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: S Masih, D Cummings

FLOWERS: Mrs Price

NEXT SUNDAY: Thirty-First Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: Bimla & Natalie Mathews

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for the gift of peace in our troubled world.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual blessing of graves will be as follows: Foster Hill Road Sunday 3rd Nov. Norse Road 10th Nov. Kempston 17th Nov. Each service will begin at 2.30pm with prayers near the entrance to the cemetery followed by the blessing of individual graves.

OPEN MEETINGS

We had our first meeting on the parish questionnaire feedback last week and propose a second meeting to explore one particular area at the moment, namely building parish community. You are invited to attend and share your ideas on Thursday 7th November in Our Lady's, Kempston at 2.30pm and on the same day in St Joseph's Guild Room at 7.30pm. If you cannot attend but would like to become involved, please contact me on the parish email. View parish website for the feedback.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

The St Joseph's Friendship Circle meets this Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Embankment Hotel. Come along and make new friends.

PERSONAL DATA

All parishes have been asked by the diocese to hold personal data through a system called CASPAR. This is a digital parish management system which will enable you to input and control your data with total transparency. You will be able to amend, move or delete your data at any time without having to speak to anyone. You can sign up to this new system if you wish by going to:
www.caspar.church/me?ID=55974 or
www.northamptondiocese.org/caspar-sign-up.

LATIN MASS

There will be a Latin High Mass in the Tridentine Rite on Saturday 9th November at 12 noon in St Joseph's church in reparation for abortion. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a short healing service after the 6.30pm Mass today to pray for personal healing and healing for others.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

This project aims to send filled shoeboxes to needy children abroad for Christmas. To take part, collect a leaflet from the back of the church, find a shoebox and fill it with the suggested items in the leaflet. It is important to then attach the label from the leaflet which shows age and sex of the child you are sending to. Include a £5 donation. Please return to either church by the weekend of 9/10 November. Any questions please contact Sue on 07977 569053.

REFLECTION

Some of you may know the song, 'One day at a time, Sweet Jesus'. As well as being a good waltz tune, it is, in essence, a prayer to God that strength and grace may be given each day without trying to carry the burden of the next day: *'Yesterday's gone, sweet Jesus, and tomorrow may never be mine. Lord, help me today, show me the way, one day at a time.'* It echoes our Lord's words when he said, *"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own"* (Mt. 6:34). He is asking us to live in the present moment and focus on what needs to be done today. The devil would love nothing more than to keep us in a state of anxiety, doubt and fear. But if we believe in the providential love and care of our heavenly Father, there is no need to worry. It's a waste of time anyway and can make us ill! Chris Hoy, the Olympic cyclist, revealed recently that he is living with terminal cancer. Asked how he is coping, said that he tries to live in the present moment, blocking out negative thoughts and worry about what may happen in the future. Living in the present moment is what Jesus is asking us to do because he is with us in that moment, supporting us. Being aware of this helps, therefore, to live in the present and not give ourselves over to worry. Fearful of the storm, we will never enjoy the sunlight! Admittedly, it's difficult not to allow things to intrude upon our peace. There are many things which occupy my mind as a parish priest and which can be overwhelming if I did not take them to the Lord in prayer every day. There is much that is out of our control and all we can do is to let it go in trusting prayer. Because Jesus is aware of the human condition, having been one of us, he understands and will readily impart his peace and strength when needed, as he has promised: *"I will give you rest."* (Mt. 11:28). Any good parent would do the same for their child when in need. Come to him, then, as children whom he loves and unburden yourselves before him. Peace is the dividend of such trusting prayer. Our concerns may still accompany us, but we now have someone to share the load with, and that someone is God! Feeling the protection of his love over us is wonderful and liberating. Those worry lines and anxious frowns will gradually lift, replaced by a more joyful and even youthful countenance! Take one day at a time...with Jesus.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory St Joseph's £1443.18
World Mission Sunday St Joseph's £558.90

Our Lady's £332.23
Our Lady's £170.06

Thank you