

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

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PALM SUNDAY
13th April 2025



HOLY WEEK

Today begins the most solemn week in the Church's liturgical year. The great events of our Lord's redemptive work and recalled and celebrated in the various liturgies of Holy Week. Please join the special liturgies of the Sacred Triduum, beginning on Maundy Thursday evening and, in particular, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8.30pm in St Joseph's. Please pick up a separate sheet from the back of the church detailing the Holy Week Services.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no 10.45am Mass this Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and no Eucharistic Adoration this Thursday or Saturday. Also, there will be no Vigil Mass in Our Lady's on Holy Saturday (19th April). The Easter Sunday Mass in Our Lady's will be at 9.30am on Easter Sunday.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be Penitential Service with individual Confessions this Tuesday 15th April at 7.00pm in St Joseph's.

EASTER FLOWERS

Second collection in St Joseph's today to purchase flowers for Easter.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Sofija Spajic Juric
	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Michael Baldrey, RIP
	6.30pm	Safia Fouad, RIP
Monday	Holy Week	
	10.45am	Jackie Marsh & Family
Tuesday	Holy Week	
	7.30am	King Family
	10.45am	John Joseph & Catherine Corbett
Wednesday	Holy Week	
	7.30am	John & Peggie Macken, RIP
	10.45am	No Mass
Thursday	Maundy Thursday	
	8.00pm	David Lewarne, RIP
Friday	Good Friday	
	10.30am	Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil	
	8.30pm	People of the Parish

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Bridget Connelly, RIP
Thursday	8.00pm	Varghese Family: Thanksgiving
Good Friday	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: None this Thursday

CLEANING: S Masih, A Daniels, R Okonkwo

FLOWERS: All flower arrangers

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter Sunday

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: No children's liturgy. All in the church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross at 4.00pm in St Joseph's and Our Lady's today, Sunday. Also on Good Friday. See above.

CONFESSIONS

Holy Saturday 11.30am-12.30pm in St Joseph's. 5.00pm-5.30pm in Our Lady's.

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass this year will be this Wednesday at 12 noon in Northampton Cathedral, Kingsthorpe Road, NN2 6AG followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre. All welcome to attend.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Ministers of Holy Communion are requested to renew their commitment as Ministers at the Maundy Thursday Mass at 8.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY WITNESS

An ecumenical service of Christian Witness will be held on Good Friday at 12noon in St Paul's Square. All are invited to take part as an act of prayer and witness with our fellow Christians.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The collection on Good Friday at the Stations of the Cross and the 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy is for the support of the Holy Land Shrines.

HOLY WEEK POSTERS

The Knights of St Columba have produced a Holy Week poster which you can collect from the back of the church and display in your window.

VE DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY SUPPER

Join us for a patriotic evening to celebrate this special anniversary on Friday 16th May at 7.30pm in the Guild Room at St Joseph's. The evening will include a lasagne supper and the cost is just £5 per person with profits in aid of our parish project, Mary's Meals, along with an Olde Tyme Singalong. Please bring your own drinks and an extra £1 or £2 for the raffle. We expect demand to be high and we can only seat 40. So we will allocate tickets on a first come first served basis, and the £5 must be paid when you book your tickets. Please book by phoning Nigel on 07780 617057.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will be on Saturday 14th June. A coach will be running from Bedford costing £19 per person. Pick up times: SS Philip & James & Holy Cross at 7.45am from Holy Cross Church. St Joseph/Our Lady's and Christ the King (bus stand at Midland Rd train station) at 8.15am. If interested in going, please give your name and fare to Mary Frost. Contact Number: 304014 or 07708 264054 as soon as possible.

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK

There are sponsorship forms at the back of the church if you would like to sponsor our walkers in aid of CAFOD. Hoping to achieve 800 km by Easter Sunday.

CAKE SALE

We have a cake sale on Sunday 4th May after all the Masses in St Joseph's Guild Room and after the Vigil Mass in Our Lady's, in aid of Mary's Meals. Homemade cakes, preferably, please. They can be left at the presbytery or brought to Our Lady's on the day. Please label cakes with any allergy warnings.

WELCOMERS

We are looking for volunteers to act as Welcomers at each Mass in St Joseph's. They would greet people as they entered the church, hand them a newsletter and hymn book and answer any queries they may have, and all with a friendly smile! Please inform Canon Seamus if interested.

WOMEN OF HOPE

The Women in Ministry group in the Diocese of Northampton is running a special event on Saturday 19th July 2025 at St Mary's Church, Woburn Sands from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Join us for 'Women of Hope', an opportunity for women across the Diocese to gather, share and celebrate the stories of our ministries past and present. Bishop David will also be joining us for the day and the final liturgy. All welcome. Sign up using the following link: www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1600230. Please contact Helen Burgess for more info at helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock and Co Mayo on 8th June 2025. Priced at £799 per person sharing. Single supplement on enquiry. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, half-board. Visit Knock, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick etc. Contact 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gertrude Lewis. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1620.92

Our Lady's £324.44

Thank you