

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

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EASTER SUNDAY 20th April 2025



EASTER

Today is the greatest feast in the life of the Church and in the life of every faithful Christian. This is because we share in the victory of Christ who defeated the power of sin and death. Christ's resurrection gives meaning to our earthly existence. We were made for life and future glory. It is this Easter faith which alleviates the sadness of death giving us the certain hope of eternal life and so we can sing alleluia in our hearts.

THANKS

Thanks to all who helped with the Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Our musicians, singers, readers, ministers, altar servers, flower arrangers and church cleaners. Thanks also for your generous Easter offering and your Easter greetings.

CANDLES

Lots of extra candles are lit on the candle stands at Easter, so please be careful and do not place lit candles under each other on the stands as this is a fire risk. Any overflow, please place on the stands at the two side altars of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Sylvia Guerin, RIP
 9.30am Fransicka Rozman, RIP
 11.00am Daniel Reddy, RIP
 6.30pm Special Intention

Monday *Easter Octave*

10.45am Bud Flanagan

Tuesday *Easter Octave*

7.30am Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP

10.45am John Crow, RIP

Wednesday *Easter Octave*

7.30am Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz

10.45am Requiem: Gertrude Lewis

Thursday *Easter Octave*

10.45am Bernard Atkins, RIP

Friday *Easter Octave*

10.45am Katie Brett

Saturday *Easter Octave*

10.45am Ken Kavanagh

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Fr Liam Castle

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: S Masih, D Cummings

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond.

NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Jo & Raoul Bull.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the feast of Divine Mercy when we recall and celebrate the great mercy of God revealed in Christ. There will be an afternoon of prayer and devotion in St Joseph's, starting at 2.45pm with the blessing of the Divine Mercy Image, followed by the 3 o'clock prayer, Chaplet, Benediction and the Consecration Prayer. Confessions will be available afterwards. All are invited to this time of prayer, invoking God's mercy for ourselves and those lands and peoples in conflict in our world today.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The next preparation class is this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room. There will be a parents meeting on Thursday 1st May at 7.00pm in St Joseph's church.

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK

Our intrepid walkers have completed just over 1000km! Please pay monies promised, and if you haven't sponsored the team yet they would be very grateful for any donations. Thank you and thanks to our walkers

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.

SPONSORED RIVER WALK

Another fundraising event for our parish project is a proposed gentle sponsored walk over some of the river bridges in the town on Saturday 28th June starting at 11am at the new pedestrian bridge behind the Vue cinema in Horne Lane. Further information will follow, but if interested please make a note in your diary now.

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.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Gertrude Lewis, Sylvia Guerin and Louis Joseph. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

CAKE SALE

The Cake Sale has been moved to Sunday 11th May in St Joseph's Guild Room after all Masses and Saturday 10th May in Our Lady's, Kempston, in aid of Mary's Meals. Homemade cakes preferable, please. Please label cakes with any allergy warnings and deliver them suitably wrapped to the presbytery before the Sunday and to Our Lady's on the day. Thank you in anticipation.

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.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

The Rosary will be said for the sanctity of human life this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass. All invited to join in prayer for this intention.

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 at: helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org for further information.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock and Co Mayo on 8th June 2025. Price £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, knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

*Wishing you the joy and blessing of
the Risen Lord this Easter.*

Canon Seamus & Fr Liam

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1944.75

Our Lady's £812.53

Thank you