

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

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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PLEASE NOTE

There are a couple of changes to the Mass times this week. Mass this Tuesday will be at 9.30am and this Friday at 8.30am. The early morning Masses on Tuesdays and Wednesdays are now discontinued.

CAFOD LENT WALK

The sponsored CAFOD Lent Walk raised £1162. This figure includes donations made on-line. Thanks to all who sponsored the walk and our walkers. A very generous response which will be increased through Gift Aid.

SECOND COLLECTION

Second collection today for the Day for Life. Every year the fund allocates over £200,000 in grants to organisations which promote the Christian respect for human life from conception to natural death in various ways. In this way we can counter the culture of death in our society.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Des Orr, RIP
	11.00am	Michael Baldrey, RIP
	6.30pm	Special Intention
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	P J Heduan, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	9.30am	Family Constantin
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	T Walter Asongan-yi-Defang
Thursday	<i>Dedication of Northampton Cathedral</i>	
	10.45am	Daniel Reddy, RIP
Friday	<i>St Alban</i>	
	8.30am	Franco Chanpda
Saturday	<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	
	10.45am	Pauline McGovern & Family

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Patrick & John Coffey, RIP
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Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name through all the earth!

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: S Masih, A Daniels, R Okonkwo

FLOWERS: Mrs Crow

NEXT SUNDAY: Corpus Christi

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Bimla & Natalie Mathews

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new offertory envelopes for St Joseph's parish are now available for collection from the back of the church. It is important to use them if you have Gift Aided your donations. Thank you.

ART RETREAT

Art Retreat at Turvey Abbey on Saturday 19th July 9.45am – 4.30pm. Cost £50 for the day, which includes materials, refreshments and a vegetarian lunch. For booking, contact Bro. John on 881211 or turveymonks@yahoo.co.uk or Sue McQueen on 07540 807695 suemcqueenartretreas@gmail.com. Pick up a leaflet from the back of the church for more information.

HOLY HOUR

There will be a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament next Sunday in St Joseph's, honouring the feast of Corpus Christi, from 3pm to 4pm. Let us come together in prayer in thanksgiving for this wonderful sacrament of our faith.

SAFEGUARDING ADVISORY BOARD

The diocese of Northampton is seeking a committed and experienced safeguarding professional to take on the voluntary role of Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Advisory Board. This vital position involves leading quarterly meetings, offering expert advice on safeguarding matters and supporting our diocesan safeguarding team. We are looking for someone with senior-level safeguarding experience who has a good understanding of the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know might be interested in this rewarding opportunity to help ensure the safety and well-being of all our Church community, please contact Danielle Dixon, Safeguarding Coordinator, at safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org or call 01604 723514 for more information. Applications are now open, with the new Chair due to take up the role in December 2025.

SPONSORED PARISH RIVER WALK

This will be at 11am on Saturday 28th June in aid of our parish project. It will be a gentle group walk at your own pace over some of the pedestrian river bridges of Bedford which will take about one hour, depending on your walking pace. If interested in participating, please pick up a sponsorship form with a route plan attached, from the table at the back of the church.

CHISEN CHARITY

Family fun evening in Christ the King Hall, London Road, on Friday 27th June 7.15pm-10pm. Karaoke, Dance performance, Raffle, Bar. Family ticket £15 includes pizza. Single/couple £10. All proceeds in aid of the House of Hope in Ghana. Tickets available from Teresa Williams 07989 506625 or Mary Taylor 07833 147113.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Petts. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

REFLECTION

The feast of the Holy Trinity is at the heart of our Christian faith. This revelation of the nature of God was imparted to us by Jesus Christ but also hinted at in the Old Testament in various scripture passages. It is a great mystery which can never be fully understood by the mind of man or angel. What do we mean by mystery? I'll hand you over to Cardinal Basil Hume: *"A mystery is a reality which we can never understand nor even discover for ourselves. This mystery can never be solved. It can only be entered and explored by one who accepts with awe and reverence that the deepest reality is unimaginably greater than we can ever comprehend; that beyond the limitations of our senses, and even the horizon of death, lies a place of inexpressible joy, the fountain of all life and love."* It's something we enter into with "awe and reverence". As humans, we have a tendency to be over analytical and so lose that sense of awe and wonder. Children are not susceptible to this, and so they accept the wonder of this world with wide-eyed amazement. We lose this ability as we grow older, but we can regain it by approaching the mysteries of life, including the Trinity, with a prayerful wonder and acceptance. I took a walk last week with one of my sisters through a nature reserve near her home. Admiring the surrounding beauty just as it presented itself filled me with a sense of gratitude and appreciation of what is, as a free gift. No analysing just grateful acceptance. I think we should approach the various mysteries of our rich faith in that same spirit of gratitude and wonder; the incarnation, the Holy Trinity, the real presence of Christ in the Mass and so on. This is the way into real joy and wonder in what we have as believers and should, therefore, feed our prayer life, making it come alive. What has been revealed to us in the faith is a gift to be received with awe and reverence. Our faith is a gift by which we strive to live until we come into that "place of inexpressible joy". Until that day, we have to keep the flame of faith alive. A struggle at times, but worth it. How? Keep close to Jesus in prayer, in our sacramental practice, in pondering the word of God and asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten and guide us. We are called to be contemplatives! This doesn't mean running off to a monastery, it simply means developing a cloister of the heart to which you can retreat and there find God. *(To be continued).*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1584.87

Our Lady's £247.34

Thank you