

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

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7th September 2025



FATHER LIAM

Father Liam will be leaving us to take up his new appointment in Our Lady of Walsingham parish, Corby, on Thursday, 18th September. We accompany him with our prayers and good wishes and in thanksgiving for his time with us. Fr Ditto Devassy will be joining us that same week.

NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter printed next Sunday, so please retain this one for lists and Mass intentions for the week beginning 14th September.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Enrolment forms for First Holy Communion Classes beginning in the autumn are now available from the sacristy. Child must be in year 3 or above. Completed form must be returned by Sunday, 28th September.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers group meet this Monday after the 10.45am Mass in the Reconciliation Chapel. All welcome to join in prayer for your children.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Mike O'Hara, RIP
	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	John Moloney, RIP
	6.30pm	Elizabeth Mee, RIP
Monday	<i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
	10.45am	Rimute Kugi, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	John Asher, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Jon Corpuz
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Joe & Charles
Friday	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	
	10.45am	Alwyn Siby
Saturday	<i>St John Chrysostom</i>	
	10.45am	Clare D'Arcy, RIP
Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston		
Saturday	6.00pm	In Thanksgiving

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: S Masih, M Golomingi, E Aoko

FLOWERS: Mrs Crow

NEXT SUNDAY: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Edward & Geraldine Byrne

LEADERSHIP COURSE

The diocese is launching a leadership course which is a year-long programme designed to form leaders for a missionary Church. It offers the opportunity to deepen your faith, strengthen your leadership skills and learn how to serve. See poster in porch.
www.northamptondiocese.org/catholic-leadership.

PARISH BBQ

To round up our fundraising for Mary's Meals, we are holding a Parish BBQ on Sunday, 21st September at 3pm in the grounds of Our Lady's church, Kempston. There is a list at the back of the church to sign if you would like to attend, so that we may have an idea of numbers. All are welcome to join in this social occasion. Admission £5 adults and £3 children. Bring your own drink.

EXALTATION OF THE CROSS 14th Sept

Mass Times St Joseph's

Sunday 8.15am John Podesta, RIP

9.30am Oliver Norsman

11.00am Daisey McCann, RIP

6.30pm Mike O'Hara, RIP

Monday Our Lady of Sorrows

10.45am Nick & Bridie Keisters, RIP

Tuesday SS Cornelius & Cyprian

10.45am Fr Paul Chevasse, RIP

Wednesday FERIA

10.45am Fr Boniface

Thursday FERIA

10.00am Mike O'Hara, RIP

Friday FERIA

10.45am Fr Derek Laverty, RIP

Saturday St Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions

10.45am Daniel Reddy, RIP

Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday (13th Sept)

6.00pm Edina Fernandes

Confessions: St Joseph's

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm

CLEANING: S Masih, A Daniels, R Okonkwo

FLOWERS: Mrs Crow

NEXT SUNDAY: 25th Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: Rebecca Lovesey & Mila

SECOND COLLECTION

Second collection next Sunday, 21st September, Evangelli Guadium Sunday (Joy of the Gospel), to aid the missionary work of the Church in England and Wales.

PLEASE NOTE

The Mass on Thursday, 18th September will be at 10.00am.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mike O'Hara and Victor Inegbedion. Mike O'Hara's funeral will take place at Norse Road Crematorium on Thursday 18th September at 4.00pm.

PARISH READERS

All parish Readers are invited to attend a short friendly meeting on Saturday 13th September in St Joseph's church at 2.30pm. We will discuss the future Readers rota, the spirituality involved in reading the word of God, the correct use of the public address system and for all of us to gain an appreciation of how best to clearly and confidently read and proclaim the word of God so as to maintain the great value of the readings for everyone.

INTERNATIONAL MEAL

As part of our fundraising efforts to raise funds for our new parish project, we will be having an International Meal on Friday, 3rd October at 7.30pm in the Italian Church Hall, Woburn Road. We are looking for different dishes from the various countries represented in our parishes. Please let me know if you would like to contribute a dish. The more the better!

PASTORAL AREA JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

A Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Holy Child & St Joseph Church is being organised by the Bedfordshire Pastoral Area Council for Saturday 4th October with parishes converging on the church from different meeting points. For us, it will be from the Faces statue, Silver Street at 9.40am, arriving at the church at 10am followed by the Rosary, Mass, Fatima Devotions with Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration. Bring a packed lunch to be had in the Guild Room. Our church is a designated Pilgrim Church where you may gain the Holy Year Plenary Indulgence.

LITTLE WAY HEALING MINISTRIES

As per last year, the Little Way Healing Ministries will be with us on Saturday, 20th September in St Joseph's church, starting with Mass at 10.45am followed by Adoration and Confessions. There will be prayers, testimonies, reflections and music concluding at 4.00pm. All are welcome to join in prayer for healing. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

"Aspire to be like children who stand on tiptoe in order to peer through the window of encounter with God."

Pope Leo XIV

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1529.58

Our Lady's £323.98

Thank you