

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

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**TWENTY-SIXTH
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
28th September 2025



Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Geoffrey Joseph Matovu, RIP
	9.30am	Veronica Nsoyuni
	11.00am	Frank Rozman, RIP
	6.30pm	George Mee, RIP
Monday	<i>SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	
	10.45am	Kathleen Elliot, RIP
Tuesday	<i>St Jerome</i>	
	10.45am	José da Silva Santana
Wednesday	<i>St Therese of Lisieux</i>	
	10.45am	Victor Inegbedion, RIP
Thursday	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	
	10.45am	Carmen Giuliano, RIP
Friday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Alan & Mary Wright, RIP
Saturday	<i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	
	10.45am	Joan & Christina Summers

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Varkey Joseph, RIP
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CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

There will be a short talk about the upcoming CAFOD Harvest Day and second collection at all Masses today. The collection will be taken on Sunday, 5th October, and envelopes for this purpose will be handed out at the end of Mass today. Please take one and fill in the Gift Aid slip, if you are able, with your donation for next Sunday.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Enrolment forms for First Holy Communion Classes must be handed in today, please. No further applications will be accepted after this date.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for peace in our troubled world and in our own hearts and families.

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a short healing service before the Blessed Sacrament next Sunday after the 6.30pm Mass to pray for healing for ourselves and others.

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: S Masih, E Aoko, P O'Reilly

FLOWERS: Mrs Bino

NEXT SUNDAY: 27th Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: Jo & Raoul Bull

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 afterwards. Our church is a designated Pilgrim Church where you may gain the Holy Year Plenary Indulgence.

MARY'S MEALS

We have been fundraising for Mary's Meals this past 12 months and you will be pleased to know that we raised £5,036.50 for this project. Many thanks for your most generous giving.

MEMORIAL MASS

There will be a Memorial Mass celebrated in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Fr Derek Laverty on Friday 3rd October at 7.00pm in Christ the King Church, Harrowden Road, Bedford. All welcome to attend.

YOUTH MASS

Calling everyone aged 11 – 25 years to a Youth Mass celebrated on Sunday, 5th October at 3.00pm in Christ the King parish, Harrowden Road, Bedford. There will be an opportunity to meet afterwards in the parish hall.

NEW SCHOOL

From Gemma Otter, Head Teacher: We are delighted to announce that we have opened a new school on the St Gregory's Biddenham site called St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School. Many of you know that this building has been refurbished completely and is ready to serve the needs of the Catholic community in Bedford. The decision to name the school St Francis of Assisi rests on the legacy of service from staff over the years at St Joseph's Catholic Lower School and St Gregory's Middle School, as was. We are truly grateful for their contribution. This legacy has paved the way for this move forward for Catholic families in our town. Our thanks to all the staff who have served these communities over the years and to you for your prayer, commitment and dedication to our schools. It is offering a faith-education and high standards to serve the needs of our Catholic community. An opening Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 3rd October just before the feast of St Francis on the Saturday. The Mass will be at 9.30am at the school on Biddenham Turn, Biddenham, Bedford. Please let the school office know if you are attending either by email: office@sfoa.beds.olicatschools.org or by calling the school office on 01234 352062. Thank you.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? The next programme starts Friday, 17th October. Tel: 07887 296983 or visit: www.retrouvaille.org.uk.

INTERNATIONAL MEAL

As part of our fundraising efforts to raise money 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. £5 entrance. Bring your own drink.

ROSARY FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

The Rosary for the sanctity of human life will be said this coming Saturday after the 10.45 am Mass. Please join in prayer for this important intention.

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. For more information, visit: www.northamptondiocese.org/catholic-leadership. See the poster on the church noticeboard.

FR LIAM'S FAREWELL GIFT

Fr Liam would like to sincerely thank you for the most generous farewell gift collected for him, which amounted to £1318.50.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Pope Francis

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory	St Joseph's £1492.18	Our Lady's £305.80	Thank you
Evangelii Guadium Sunday	St Joseph's £401.50	Our Lady's £63.59	