

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

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ALL SAINTS 2nd November 2025



ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Today we celebrate the feast of All Saints, our brothers and sisters in the faith who are in heaven and who intercede for us as we make our pilgrim way on earth to our true homeland. Tomorrow we celebrate the feast of All Souls, when we pray in a special way for our deceased loved ones and all the faithful departed, assisting them in their final journey to God with prayers and Masses during the month of November. Mass on All Souls: 10.45am and 7.30pm.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

If you wish to include the names of your deceased loved ones in the daily Masses during the month of November, then please list them and place the list in the envelopes provided at the back of the church and return them to the presbytery or the church.

PARENTS MEETING

Parents of the children preparing for their First Holy Communion are asked to attend a meeting on Thursday, 6th November at 7.00pm in St Joseph's church. It is important that you attend, please.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am People of the Parish
9.30am Leila & Elie El-Rif
11.00am Michael Baldrey, RIP
6.30pm John Moloney, RIP

Monday *All Souls*

10.45am Holy Souls
7.30pm Pope Leo's Intentions

Tuesday *St Charles Borromeo*

10.45am Holy Souls

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Anna Durrant

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Holy Souls

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Holy Souls

Saturday *Blessed Duns Scotus*

10.45am Victoria, Konrad, Jan, Alexandra

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Rosemary Mitchell & Family

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: S Masih, D Cummings, M Golomingi

FLOWERS: Mrs Crow

NEXT SUNDAY: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Rebecca Lovesey & Mila

CONFIRMATION 2026

Those wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation next year, i.e. Year 9 of school or older, are asked to collect an enrolment form from the sacristy. Preparation classes will start in January 2026. Any adults seeking Confirmation will be seen separately.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual blessing of graves will be as follows: Foster Hill Road Sunday, 9th November. Norse Road and Kempston, Sunday 16th November. Each service will begin at 2.30pm with prayers near the entrance to the cemetery, followed by the blessing of individual graves.

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Christmas cards and other religious items are on sale today at the back of the church in both parishes. Any profit made from the sale will be in aid of our new parish project.

PARISH QUIZ

Thanks to all who attended our Parish Quiz last week which raised £169 for our parish project.

INDIAN MEAL

The next fundraising event for our parish project is an Indian Meal on Tuesday 18th November at Indiya Restaurant, The Broadway, Bedford, at 7.30pm. The cost will be £20 for two courses and the restaurant will give us £2 for our project for every diner who attends. **Please place your name and phone number on the list at the back of the church and the number in your party if you wish to join us. Do come to what is always an enjoyable occasion.**

SAMARITANS PURSE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Fill a shoebox for a needy child who might have never had a present before. Please take a leaflet from the back of the church, which gives details and suggested items. Fill your shoebox and return to either church no later than the weekend of 15/16th November. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION

There is a second collection today for the Diocesan Sick and Retired Clergy Fund.

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a short healing service before the Blessed Sacrament after the 6.30pm Mass today to pray for the gift of healing.

SCRIPTURAL STUDIES

All parishioners are warmly invited to join our weekly scriptural study sessions led by Fr Ditto to be held every Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Guild Room beginning on Tuesday, 11th November. These sessions hope to offer a wonderful opportunity to deepen our understanding of sacred scripture and the related teachings of the Catholic Church, growing together in faith and fellowship. All are welcome.

PRE-MASS REFLECTION

Beginning on Saturday, 8th November from 4.15pm to 5.30pm and initially for 6 weeks, in the meeting room of Our Lady's church, Kempston, there will be an opportunity to take part in a Pre-Mass Reflection on the weekly gospel and to watch a showing of the successful worldwide serial adaptation of the life of Jesus, '**The Chosen**'. Everyone is welcome.

ST JOHN RIGBY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St John Rigby Catholic Primary School, rated as 'Good' by Ofsted, is offering a tour of the school by contacting it on 401900 or book into its Open Morning on Saturday 15th November 9.30am – 12.30pm. Visit website: www.stjohnrigby.org

CHRISTMAS DRAW TICKETS

These are now available for sale after each Mass at £2.50 a book. Prizes for the draw gratefully received, please. Money raised for parish project.

REFLECTION - ST OSCAR ROMERO

'It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts; it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No programme accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything. This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that. This enables us to do something and to do it well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. (St Oscar Romero)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1690.30

Our Lady's £523.50

Thank you

Mission Sunday

Our Lady's £94.71