

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

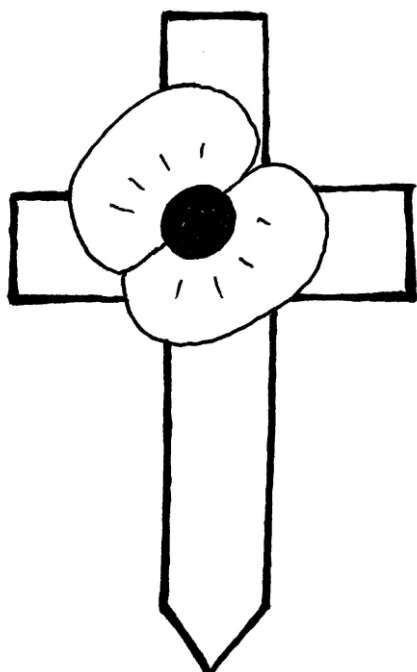
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DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9th November 2025



Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Holy Souls
	9.30am	John Voogd, RIP
	11.00am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Mark Wahbi
Monday	<i>Pope St Leo the Great</i>	
	10.45am	Chris & Eric McNaughton, RIP
Tuesday	<i>St Martin of Tours</i>	
	10.45am	Mary Frost
Wednesday	<i>St Josaphat</i>	
	10.45am	Requiem: Margaret Payne
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Nick & Bridie Keisters, RIP
Friday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Holy Souls
Saturday	<i>St Albert the Great</i>	
	10.45am	Thressiamma Varghese, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Holy Souls
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Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Blessing of the graves at Foster Hill Road today at 2.30pm meeting at the entrance of the cemetery. Norse Road and Kempston next Sunday 16th November at 2.30pm.

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 an envelope marked Holy Souls and return them to the presbytery or the church.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

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

FLOWERS: Mrs Crow

NEXT SUNDAY: 33rd Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: Edward & Geraldine Byrne

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY SCHOOL

Families who are looking for a place to start school next September are invited to come along and visit St Francis of Assisi Primary School & Preschool in Biddenham Turn, Biddenham, Bedford, MK40 4AT on Thursday 13th November from 6pm-8pm. Please book your place here: www.trybooking.com/uk/FILG or on 01234 352062.

ST THOMAS MORE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Mass is celebrated every Thursday during term-time at 8.20am in the Prayer Room at St Thomas More Secondary School, Tyne Crescent, Bedford. All student families are welcome to attend.

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.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

This charity exists to help the Christians of the Holy Land by raising funds for their needs and to support projects that will improve their lives. The Christian community there is small and struggling, and so there will be an appeal at all Masses next Sunday with a second collection in support of our brothers and sisters who are the living stones of the Church in that land.

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.**

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 this 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.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Payne. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

PRE-MASS REFLECTION

Beginning this Saturday evening 8th November from 4.15pm – 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 our parish project.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Last Post will be played this Sunday at the end of the 11.00am Mass in remembrance of the dead of two world wars and subsequent conflicts.

REFLECTION - DEATH

'Death is a formidable foe until we learn to make it our friend. Death is to be feared if we don't learn to welcome it. Death is the ultimate absurdity if we don't see it as a fulfilment. Death haunts us when it is viewed as a journey into nothingness, rather than a pilgrimage where true happiness is to be found. The human mind cannot understand death. We face it with fear and uncertainty, revulsion even, or we turn away from the thought, for it is too hard to bear. But faith gives answers when reason fails. The strong instinct to live points to immortality. Faith admits us into death's secrets. Death is not the end of the road, but a gateway to a better place. It is in this place that our noblest aspirations will be realised. It is here that we will understand how our experience of goodness, love, beauty and joy are realities which exist perfectly in God. It is in heaven that we shall rest in Him and our hearts will be restless until they rest in God.'

(Cardinal Basil Hume)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory	St Joseph's £2008.30	Our Lady's £669.26	Thank you
Sick & Retired Priests' Fund	St Joseph's £513.04	Our Lady's £53.61	