

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

1st March 2026



Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Biby & Asha In Thanksgiving
9.30am Geoffrey & Antonia Stone & Family
11.00am Maureen McDermot, RIP
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Bob & Joe Zak, Katy Szczurko, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

10.45am Melanie Jayne Lewis, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*

10.45am Mary Wright, RIP

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Requiem: Margaret Brannan

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP

Saturday *SS Perpetua & Felicity*

10.45am Michael & Catherine Micallef, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Alekuty Sceria, RIP

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

CAFOD SECOND COLLECTION

Second collection today at all masses for the work of Cafod. Please use the envelopes supplied in the porch and fill in the Gift Aid slip if you are able.

BIG LENT WALK

A small group of parishioners will be taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk again this year. They will be walking every day in Lent and hoping to beat last year's total of 1000 KM over 40 days. Please sponsor them if you can. There are forms at the back of the church, or below is a link to the Just Giving page. [https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising-st-josephs-and-our-ladys-fundraising-page](https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-josephs-and-our-ladys-fundraising-page)

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

These continue this Tuesday at 7pm in the Guild Room. All are welcome. Access from Church Street.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: S Masih, A Daniels, R Okonkwo

FLOWERS: No flowers

NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Lent

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: Rebecca Lovesey & Mila.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross today at 4pm in St Joseph's and Our Lady's. A good spiritual preparation during this season of Lent.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima devotions this Saturday after 10.45am mass to pray for peace in our world and in our lives as requested by Our Lady.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER

The Prayer Group meets this Thursday at 2.30pm in the Guild Room. Contact Ted on 07561 424486 for further details.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

We are pleased to announce the launch of a new initiative, namely a Young Adults Group for those aged 18-35 years. This is an opportunity to grow in faith, fellowship and community within the parish. Our first gathering will take place this Sunday 1st March from 5.30pm – 6.30pm in the Guild Room. This initial meeting will include a short time of prayer, a brief reflection and an opportunity to meet over tea and coffee. There is a WhatsApp group for communication and updates. If you would like to join please speak to Fr Ditto or Awarin Tomy (WhatsApp 07741 910990). This is just the beginning, and further activities and opportunities will be introduced in the coming weeks.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES

As in previous Lents, we will be having Soup Lunches on selected Fridays during Lent in Our Lady's meeting room, Kempston, at 12.30pm in aid of CAFOD in its work to help feed the poor in different parts of the world. A donation of £5 is suggested. The dates are: Friday 6th, 13th and 20th March. All welcome.

INDIAN MEAL NIGHT

Another Indian Meal Night has been arranged for Tuesday, 10th March at the Indiya Restaurant, The Broadway, Bedford, at 7.30pm. The cost will be £22 per person for a two-course menu, of which the restaurant will give us £2 per diner for our parish project, St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger. A list is available at the back of the church to place your details and number of persons who wish to attend.

CONCERT

We are also hosting in St Joseph's church a concert by the Kempston Music Society on the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, featuring various pieces relating to the Passion and Holy Week in aid of our parish project. It will take place on Saturday, 21st March at 7.30pm. Entrance fee £5. Please give your support to what will be a moving and enjoyable evening of music and singing in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret Brannan, and Alice Klein. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

PARENTS PRAYER GROUP

The Parents Prayer Group meets this Monday after the 10.45am Mass in the Reconciliation Chapel. All parents are welcome to join in prayer together for their children.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

The proposed parish pilgrimage to Medjugorje this year will be from 15th to 22nd September. All welcome. Please book early to ensure a cheaper airfare. Contact Mary Frost on 07708 264054 or 304014 if interested.

LENT TALKS

A series of Lent Talks has begun in Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street, Bedford, each Wednesday during Lents at 1.00pm on the theme of Christ's Passion account in the Gospel of St Matthew. All are most welcome. See poster for full details.

BIG LENT WALK - PART TWO

On Sunday 22nd March we will be having our own parish Big Lent Walk. Meeting in the Guild Room at St Joseph's at 2pm, we will go down to the river and walk a loop of the Embankment. We will then return to the Guild Room to enjoy tea and cake while making a donation to CAFOD. People can walk as far as they like and so it might be a nice time to chat to other parishioners or just walk the pooch! Put the date in your diary.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The next Confirmation class for the children is on Saturday, 14th March at 2.30pm in the Guild Room. Adults for Confirmation will be contacted individually.

HEALING SERVICE

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

LIFT TO MASS

A lady who is without transport is seeking a lift to the 11am Sunday Mass from De Parys Avenue. Please let me know if anyone can offer a lift.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1804.02

Our Lady's £648.00

Thank you