

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8th February 2026



MISSION APPEAL

We welcome to the parish this weekend Fr John Convery, who is making the mission appeal on behalf of the Xaverian Missionaries. There is a second collection for their work.

PLEASE NOTE

The Mass this Wednesday will be at 9.30am.

NEWSLETTER

The parish computer needs upgrading to a new model. There may be a delay in this, and so in case there is, the Mass intentions and lists for week beginning Sunday 15th February are printed on the reverse of this newsletter. Please retain for your information.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

The list of prize winners is still on display on the noticeboard in both churches. Prizes can be collected from the presbytery. Thanks to all who bought tickets and donated prizes.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am James Galvin, RIP
9.30am Lesley Pitter, RIP
11.00am People of the Parish
6.30pm Jon Corpuz

Monday **Feria**

10.45am Gabriel Bakhoun & Eulalie Sarr, RIP

Tuesday **St Scholastica**

10.45am Bro. N.A. James, RIP

Wednesday **Our Lady of Lourdes**

9.30am Johnson Family

Thursday **Feria**

10.45am Veronica Nsoyuni, RIP

Friday **Feria**

10.45am Jovita Nsoyuni, RIP

Saturday **SS Cyril & Methodius**

10.45am Fr John Priestly Warmol, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Sharon & Genius Godinho

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: S Masih, A Daniels, R Okonkwo

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: Sixth Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: Bimla & Natalie Mathews

FATHER FRANCIS MAPLE - BOOK

Fr Francis Maple, who many of you know, has written his autobiography. It is available for sale today at the 11.00am Mass from the back of the church.

THE CHOSEN

'The Chosen' DVD will be shown in Our Lady's in the meeting room this Friday at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS

The children preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation will be enrolled into the Confirmation programme today at the 11.00am Mass in St Joseph's.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 15th Feb

Mass Times St Joseph's.

Sunday 8.15am Mick Forde, RIP

9.30am People of the Parish

11.00am Margaret Hurd

6.30pm Patrice & Thomas Taylor, RIP

Monday Feria

10.45am Aleksandras Kausilis, RIP

Tuesday Feria

10.45am Eunice & Tony Benn

Wednesday Ash Wednesday (18th Feb)

7.30am Margret Craven, RIP

10.45am Zoshia & Alan Durrant

7.30pm Marie Peachey, RIP

Thursday Feria

10.45am Gregoria Castillo, RIP

Friday Feria

10.45am Daniel Reddy, RIP

Saturday Feria

10.45am Francis Clenon, RIP

Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday (14th Feb)

6.00pm Anne Warboys, RIP

Wednesday Ash Wednesday (18th Feb)

7.30pm People of the Parish

Confessions: St Joseph's

Saturday 11.30am-12.30pm (Exposition)

CLEANING: S Masih, D Cummings, E Aoko

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday of Lent (22nd)

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: Edward & Geraldine Byrne

24-HOUR ADORATION

Starting on Friday, 20th February, after the Mass, there will be another period of 24-hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Reconciliation Chapel. This time, there will be a two-hour break between 1pm and 3pm to allow for a wedding that day. Adoration will continue afterwards until 10.20am the following day. A sign-up list will be available. Confessions 6pm-8pm on the Friday.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is on 18th February. It begins the season of Lent with the blessing and distribution of ashes at all Masses that day. Lent affords us the opportunity, once again, to deepen our relationship with the Lord and to seek reconciliation in the sacrament of Confession. This special time reminds us of the constant need to renew and nourish our spiritual lives through prayer, self-denial and works of charity in a more intense and committed way. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (reduced food) and abstinence (no meat). Mass times are listed.

PARISH QUIZ

Our next fundraising event for the parish project is a Parish Quiz on Friday 13th February at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. £5 entrance on the door. Make a note in your diary and come along for a fun evening.

LUX WEEKEND

LUX is our diocesan residential weekend for teens that happens in February every year. This year it's 13th to 15th Feb at the Kings Park Centre, Northampton, costing £110. It's for those in school years 7 – 13 and is a weekend packed with activity. Every year we explore a theme through workshops, dramas, music, worship, Mass, prayer times, games, inputs and time with friends. This year's theme is Belong. Visit: www.nymo.org/lux-belong-2026 or NYMO@northamptondiocese.com.

INDIAN MEAL NIGHT

Another Indian Meal Night has been arranged for Tuesday, 10th March at 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 will be available at the back of the church for you to place your details and the number of persons who wish to attend.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret Brannan, Michael Manley, Derek David and Christina Henry. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1755.88

Our Lady's £346.18

Thank you