

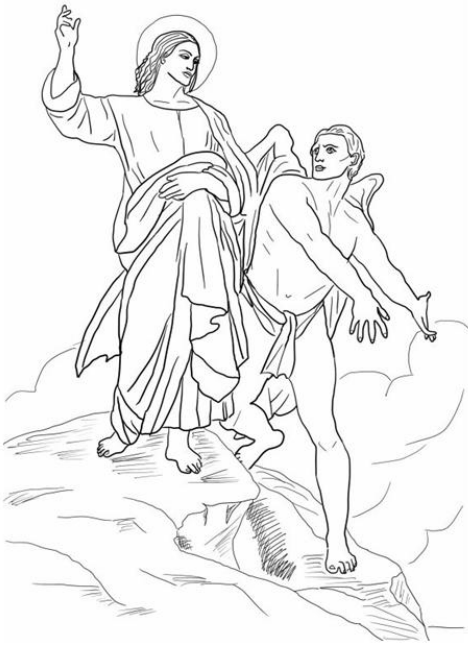
St Joseph's, Bedford & Our Lady's, Kempston

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**FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT**
22nd February 2026



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The next preparation class for the children preparing for their First Holy Communion is this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room.

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 1,000 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 their Just Giving page. Parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-josephs-and-our-ladys-fundraising-page

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Rosary after the 10.45am Mass this Saturday for the sanctity of human life. All invited to join in prayer for this intention.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	V.T. Mathai, RIP
	9.30am	Jan Szynacki, RIP
	11.00am	Tony Hurd
	6.30pm	Jon Corpuz
Monday	St Polycarp	
	10.45am	Irena & Family
Tuesday	Feria	
	10.45am	Mary Lou Derwent, RIP
Wednesday	Feria	
	10.45am	Fr James Gough, RIP
Thursday	Feria	
	10.45am	Abel Arebalo, RIP
Friday	Feria	
	10.45am	Kenneth Kavanagh, RIP
Saturday	Feria	
	10.45am	Claudio

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Fink Family
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Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: S Masih, M Golomingi, E Aoko

FLOWERS: No flowers

NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Lent

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Jo & Raoul Bull

CATHOLIC HEALING & EVANGELISATION SERVICE

A coach has been organised from Bedford to Birmingham on Saturday, 28th February for this event, departing at 7am. For enquiries and booking please contact Mary Frost on 07708 264054 or Tessy on 07915 600495.

CAFOD TALK

A short talk will be given at all Masses today in preparation for the second collection for CAFOD next weekend. Please pick up an envelope from the porch for this purpose and fill in the Gift Aid slip if you are a taxpayer. This will help to increase your donation. Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross this Sunday and each Sunday during Lent in St Joseph's and Our Lady's at 4.00pm. A good spiritual preparation in this season of Lent. There are some Stations missing at the moment in St Joseph's as they are being restored.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

St Joseph's Friendship Circle meets again this Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Embankment Hotel. All welcome to join and meet some new parishioners. Bring a friend with you.

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 Derek David. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

SCRIPTURAL STUDIES

This Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Guild Room. Access from Church Street.

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 on 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.

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 will be given in Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street, Bedford, each Wednesday, starting this Wednesday, 25th February at 1.00pm on Christ's Passion account in the Gospel of St Matthew. All are most welcome. See poster for full details.

AFTERNOON VINTAGE TEA

This event will take place this Friday, 27th February at Christ the King Parish Hall, Harrowden Road, Bedford, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Entry £6. Includes tea, sandwiches, homemade cake and friendship. For information, call Myriam on 07590 558275.

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1290.64

Our Lady's £281.00

Thank you