

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

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PALM SUNDAY

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HOLY WEEK

Today begins the most solemn week in the Church's liturgical year. The great events of our Lord's redemptive work are recalled and celebrated in the various liturgies of Holy Week. Please join the special liturgies of the Sacred Triduum, beginning on Maundy Thursday evening and, in particular, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8.30pm in St Joseph's. Please pick up a separate sheet from the back of the church detailing the Holy Week services.

PLEASE NOTE

The Mass this Wednesday will be at 9.30am. There will be no 10.45am Mass this Thursday, Friday and Saturday and no Eucharistic Adoration this Thursday and Saturday. Also there will be no Vigil Mass in Our Lady's on Holy Saturday (4th April). The Easter Mass in Our Lady's will be at 9.30am on Easter Sunday.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a Penitential Service with individual Confessions this Tuesday at 7.00pm in St Joseph's.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Margaret Herbert
	9.30am	Jan & Anne Szynacki, RIP
	11.00am	da Costa Family
	6.30pm	Safia Fouad, RIP
Monday	Holy Week	
	10.45am	Raphael D'Souza, RIP
Tuesday	Holy Week	
	10.45am	Cyprian Pinto, RIP
Wednesday	Holy Week	
	9.30am	Denorah Burnett, RIP
Thursday	Maundy Thursday	
	8.00pm	Kenneth Kavanagh, RIP
Friday	Good Friday	
	10.30am	Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil	
	8.30pm	People of the Parish

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Mia Dommeck, RIP
Thursday	8.00pm	Sean Casey, RIP
Good Friday	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: None this Thursday

CLEANING: S Masih, E Aoko, M Golomingi

FLOWERS: All flower arrangers

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter Sunday

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: All in church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross today at 4pm in St Joseph's and Our Lady's. Also on Good Friday. See above.

CONFESSIONS

Holy Saturday 11.30am-12.30pm in St Joseph's. 5.00pm-5.30pm in Our Lady's.

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated this Wednesday at 12 noon in Northampton Cathedral, Kingsthorpe Road, NN2 6AG, followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre. All welcome to attend.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Ministers of Holy Communion are requested to renew their commitment as Ministers at the Maundy Thursday Mass at 8.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY WITNESS

An ecumenical service of Christian Witness will be held on Good Friday at 12 noon in St Paul's Square. All are invited to take part as an act of prayer and witness with our fellow Christians.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The collection on Good Friday at the Stations of the Cross and the 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy is for the support of the Holy Land Shrines.

HOLY WEEK POSTERS

The Knights of St Columba have produced a Holy Week poster which you can collect from the back of the church and display in your window.

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.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Joy Matheiken, Roland Carreon, Alice Klein and Agnes Inness. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

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 1000km over 40 days. Please sponsor them if you can. There are forms at the back of the church for this purpose.

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Scripture studies will resume on Tuesday 14th April at 7pm in the Guild Room led by Fr Ditto.

BACH & MORTALITY FESTIVAL

This is a festival organised by Bedford Music Club, running from 8th to 18th April across Bedford. The festival brings together music, words and reflection inspired by the work of Johann Sebastian Bach, and explores the themes of life, death and hope. There are a range of events happening in different participating churches and venues including St Joseph's, with a short organ recital as part of the festival on Saturday 11th April from 3.00pm to 3.30pm. Please have look at the full programme and consider supporting some of the other events taking place locally. You will find all details of the festival on our parish website under the heading **Faith Journeys** or go to www.stjosephsbedford.org/bach-mortality-festival

SECOND COLLECTION

This is a second collection today at all Masses in St Joseph's for flowers to decorate the church for Easter Sunday.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

From relationships that are just in a rut, needing some refreshments or more serious issues, Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more go to www.retrouvaille.org.uk or 07973 380443.

THE ROLE OF BEAUTY IN MORAL FORMATION

The Catholic Union invites us to a webinar on Monday 20th April at 6.00pm exploring the place of beauty in the moral formation of individuals and society. Chaired by journalist Catherine Pepinster, speakers include Fr Patrick van der Vost, priest and founder of *Christian Art*, and Stefan Kaminski, director of the *Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst*. Booking essential: Email info@catholicunion.org.uk to receive your Zoom link.

CONCERT

Thanks to all who attended the Concert last Saturday which raised £338 for our parish project. Most of this was donated by the choir itself as there was a low turnout from the parish.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1757.20

Our Lady's £284.61

Thank you