

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

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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TRINITY SUNDAY

Today is the feast of the Holy Trinity, that mystery of God revealed to us by the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ. We are baptised into the life of the Trinity and are destined to share in that life for eternity. This is the great truth of our Christian faith and our dignity as sons and daughters of God.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The next class for the children preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation is this Saturday at 2.30pm in the Guild Room.

THANKSGIVING MASS

The children who have just made their First Holy Communion will be celebrating a thanksgiving Mass this Friday in St Joseph's church at 6.00pm. We thank our parish catechists for their time and dedication in preparing our children for their First Confession and Holy Communion, and the support of their parents.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Private Intention: Mconagh Family
9.30am Derek Ruff
11.00am Michael Baldrey, RIP
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday *St Justin*

10.45am Thanksgiving: Matheiken Family

Tuesday *Feria*

10.45am Joseph & Helen Osit, RIP

Wednesday *St Charles Lwanga and Companions*

10.45am Lia Burke

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Kathleen McEvoy

Friday *St Boniface*

10.45am Rex Woods, RIP

Saturday *St Norbert*

10.45am Jean Petts, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Liz Casey

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

To be praised and highly exalted forever.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: S Masih, A Daniels, R Okonkwo

FLOWERS: Mrs Abrantes

NEXT SUNDAY: Corpus Christi

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: Rebecca Lovesey & Mila

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Scripture studies this Tuesday at 7pm in the Guild Room, led by Fr Ditto. Access from Church Street.

YOUNG ADULTS' GROUP MEETING

The Young Adults' Group (18-35) meets again on Sunday, 7th June, at 5.00pm in the Guild Room. Come and participate and share the joy of faith, friendship and togetherness.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets this Thursday in the Guild Room at 7.00pm. All welcome. Contact Ted Fawcett on 07561 424486.

LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life on Saturday, 1st August, from 12noon to 5.00pm, beginning with Mass at noon. Coach from St Joseph's at 8.35am and from Christ the King Church, Harrowden Road, at 8.50am. Cost: £15. To book, contact Mary Frost on 01234 304014 or 07708 264054. See noticeboard for full details.

CHISEN

The Chisen Foundation (Caring for children with special needs in Ghana) is holding a Family Fun Evening on Saturday, 20th June from 7.00pm to 9.30pm, at All Nations Church, Brickhill Drive, Bedford, MK41 7QF. Tickets from Teresa Williams on 07989 506625 or chisenfoundation@outlook.com. Full details on the noticeboard.

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Do you have children in your family of school age? Did you know that Bedford has three Catholic schools? St Thomas More is our secondary school with a sixth form centre based in Brickhill. St Francis of Assisi is one of our primary schools. It has an attached pre-school, catering for children between the ages of three and eleven and is based in Biddenham. St John Rigby is another primary school and is based in Putnoe. It plans to open a pre-school in September 2026, also catering for children between the ages of three and eleven. All of our Catholic schools are rated Good by Ofsted and the Catholic Inspectorate. Catholic education is so important for our Catholic community. Bedford has a long history of strong, successful Catholic schools. We need your support in continuing the growth of Catholic education in the local area. Should you wish to visit any of the three schools, please make contact using the following details: St Thomas More: office@stm.beds.olicatschools.org or 400222, St Francis of Assisi: office@sfoa.beds.olicatschools.org or 352062, St John Rigby: office@sjr.beds.olicatschools.org or 401900.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE WALSINGHAM

The diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham this year is on Saturday, 13th June, beginning with Mass at 12noon. See poster for details.

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a short healing service before the Blessed Sacrament after the evening Mass today.

REFLECTION

Pope Leo has issued his first Encyclical: Magnifica Humanitas. It is a teaching document on safeguarding the human person in the time of Artificial Intelligence. He appeals for the safeguarding of humanity, promotion of truth, dignity of work, social justice and peace. The underlying premise is that technology is not “a force antagonistic to humanity” nor is it “inherently evil”. However, “technology is never neutral, because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise, finance, regulate and use it.” Therefore, Pope Leo appeals for people to “build for the common good and to remain human”. The human must be at the centre of all technological progress, and therefore AI must be disarmed, he states. “To disarm does not mean rejecting technology but preventing it from dominating humanity” (and manipulating it). We can see this happening especially in the area of social media. Placing the human at the centre of all technological progress is the essence of his Encyclical. It should be at the service of humanity and not its replacement for the sake of efficiency and so-called progress: “Humanity, in all its grandeur and woundedness, must never be replaced or surpassed.” This Encyclical invites us to be discerning in how we use new technologies and not let them rob us of the human element with all its weaknesses and limitations. These are opportunities for growth and maturity: “Progress is not the overcoming of human limitations. Limitations are not defects to be eliminated, but a constitutive dimension of the human person, because it is in fragility and finitude that relationship and openness to God and to others mature. Humanity flourishes not despite limitations but often through them.” The operation of grace upon our human nature opens up the possibility of attaining to the perfection of God himself, “Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Mt 5:48). We will never surpass the perfection of God, but we are called to be more like him, to be Christ-like. In so striving, we become more human, allowing the perfection of grace to do its work. This is the work of Divine Intelligence!

(Source: Vatican News)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory	St Joseph's £1563.59
Catholic Mass Media	St Joseph's £374.68

Our Lady's £225.00
Our Lady's £43.99

Thank you