

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

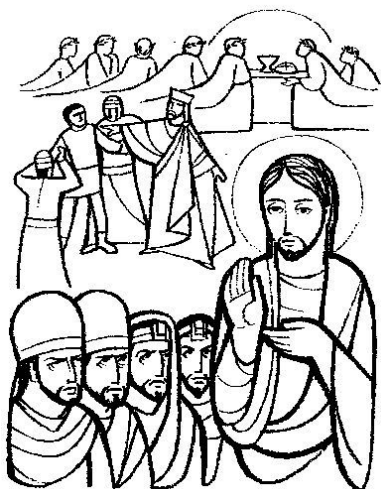
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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

11th October 2026



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love, which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate in the second collection next Sunday, please pick up an envelope from the back of the church and, if possible, fill out the Gift Aid slip with your donation. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no newsletter next Sunday, so please retain this one for your information. Also, the Mass on Wednesday 21st October will be at 9am.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL DAY

Spiritual Renewal Day in Our Lady's, Kempston, on Saturday 17th October from 3pm to 5pm. All welcome.

YOUNG ADULTS' GROUP

The Young Adults' Group (18-35) next gather on Sunday 18th October at 5pm in the Guild Room. To join please contact: WhatsApp: 07741 910990.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Anne & John Szynacki, RIP
 9.30am John Joseph Leahy
 11.00am Maria & Tasimba Kahari, RIP
 6.30pm Andrew & Giles Davis, RIP

Monday *Feria*

 10.45am Francis Reddy, RIP

Tuesday *St Edward the Confessor*

 10.45am Martha Chand, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*

 10.45am Family Constantin

Thursday *St Teresa of Avila*

 10.45am SVP Beneficiaries

Friday *St Margaret Mary Alacoque*

 10.45am Special Intention

Saturday *St Ignatius of Antioch*

 10.45am Raju & Mercy: Thanksgiving

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday 6.00pm Varkey Joseph, RIP

Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am – 7.00pm

CLEANING: S Masih, E Aoko, C Aneke, M Abrantes

FLOWERS: Mrs Bino

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Rebecca Lovesey & Mila Guerrero

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

A parish pilgrimage to Lourdes is being organised for next year: 10th – 14th May 2027. Flying from Stansted to Lourdes Airport and staying at a four-star hotel, full board. Cost: £700 sharing and £850 single room. Booking forms can be collected from the presbytery and returned to the presbytery by 31st of December with a £200 deposit.

PARISH QUIZ

Parish Quiz on Friday 23rd October at 7.30pm in the Guild Room in aid of our new parish project. Entrance £5. Bring your own drink. Come along for a fun evening. There's not much on the telly!

29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 18th October

Mass times St Joseph's

Sunday 8.15am Cormen Giuliano, RIP

9.30am Joan & Christina Summers

11.00am Naomi Grace Fernandes

6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday Feria

10.45am Marie Sarr, RIP

Tuesday Feria

10.45am Daniel Reddy, RIP

Wednesday Feria

9.00am Baby Preston Davey, RIP

Thursday Feria

10.45am Nelly Whyte, RIP

Friday Feria

10.45am Alessandro Argenio, RIP

Saturday Votive Mass of Our Lady

10.45am Gerard Reddy, RIP

Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday (24th October)

6.00pm Vigil: David Keane, RIP

Confessions: St Joseph's

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm

CLEANING: S Masih, E Aoko, N Osakwe

FLOWERS: Mrs Price

NEXT SUNDAY: 30th Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: Bimla & Natalie Mathew

FRANCISCAN YEAR

Pope Leo has declared 2026 a Franciscan Year celebrating 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi. On Saturday 31st October, we are invited to an afternoon with Fr Emmanuel of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, working with the poor and spreading the Gospel in East London. This will take place in Holy Cross Church, Goldington Road, Bedford, from 2pm – 4pm. The afternoon will close with Adoration and Benediction. This event is organised by the Bedfordshire Pastoral Area Council. All welcome. See poster for details.

NEW PARISH PROJECT

For the next 12 months, we will be raising funds in support of three projects adopted by CAFOD. They are: Community Water Supply, School Meals and Medical Outreach. Remote communities in northern Zimbabwe will be helped to establish their own supply of clean, safe water, meaning fewer diseases and fuller crops. The school meals project will help children stay in school with the energy to focus on their studies and build the futures they want. No one can do their best work when hungry! The Medical Outreach brings life-saving care to remote communities, providing emergency treatment, free medicines and health training for families who have no access to health care. Our first fundraising event will be a Parish Quiz on Friday 23rd October at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. Entrance: £5 per person. Light refreshments provided. Bring your own drinks. Any queries, call Nigel on 07780 617057.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Fill a shoebox for a needy child. Take a leaflet after Mass this Sunday, which tells you how and what to pack. Return it to the church with your £5 by Sunday 8th November. Remember to attach the label. The shoeboxes are sent around the world where there is a need. Thank you. Organised by Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Appeal.

PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

2027 is a Jacobean Jubilee Year, and the Bedfordshire Pastoral Area is proposing to run a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Sept/Oct 2027. Anyone interested in joining the pilgrimage should contact Deacon Crispin at deaconcrispin.walkinglea@northamptondiocese.org for more information. Pilgrims will need to be independent and capable of walking 115km over six days, carrying their own pack. Accommodation will be shared dormitories in backpacker hostels, and the estimated cost of the pilgrimage is £550 per person.

SECOND COLLECTION - WORLD MISSION

Second collection on Sunday 18th October at all Masses for World Mission Sunday. Please use envelopes provided and fill in the Gift Aid slip, if possible.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory
CAFOD

St Joseph's £1713.94
St Joseph's £911.92

Our Lady's £332.30
Our Lady's £188.30

Thank you