

Parish of Christ the King



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MASS INTENTIONS 15<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Assumption of the BVM - Solemnity Cadets of Our Lady (Int.) 6pm & 7.30pm Latin Masses
Sun 16<sup>th</sup> ASSUMPTION OF BVM – Solemnity (In England & Wales) Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Francis Ngwa Mboni (RIP) 8.30am & 1pm Latin Mass (11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Irish Catholics (Int)
Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Christ the King Finance Committee (Int.)
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> St John Eudes, Priest - Memorial Congregation of Jesus & Mary (Int.)
Thu 20<sup>th</sup> St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor – Memorial Monks at Mt St Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire (Int.)
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> St Pius X, Pope – Memorial All preparing for First Holy Communion (Int.)
Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> The Queenship of the BVM – Memorial Deeper devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Int.)
Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Regular use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Int.)

To keep the church open for Mass and Private Prayer we need your help, for cleaning and to act as stewards. Call Katherine on 07985 214854 for further information.

Dear Parishioners



Keeping safe is so important for all of us, for ourselves and for each other. This is a command of our dear Lord: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' It is good for us to put this teaching into practice at this time by wearing face coverings.

In our present circumstances we are encouraged by the Government to do just that when taking part in an act of worship. Who would not want to follow this advice to help keep each other shielded from serious infection?

So this is the advice given by our diocese and supported by our priests. Yet we understand that there are certain categories of people who are excused by the Government from the obligation to shield in this way.

Bedford Borough Council has made it clear that it is not the responsibility of church leaders to challenge any individuals not wearing a face covering. In other words it is necessary for us to trust each other and to respect each other. We are not enforcers, and we are not the Police Force. Borough Officers may make spot checks at any time, and then we must be seen to have acted according to our consciences and in accordance with the law. We do not live in a Police State, and reporting on each other is unseemly.

We live in stressful times at the moment and our concern for safety is very real, often leading us to be doubly aware. We don't want people to stay away from Mass because of fear, so let us do everything we can to reassure one another of our love and concern for all, reflecting the love and concern that our dear Lord has lavished upon us.

Putting ourselves in God's hands, and at the intercession of our Lady, let us pray: 'Jesus, I trust in You. Amen'



Keep safe. God bless Fr Patrick

DONATE TO YOUR PARISH ON 'GIVING TUESDAY'

If you wish to make your weekly offering to Christ the King Parish you can now do this by phone every Tuesday between 10am and 4pm. Just dial 01604 712065 and have your debit or credit card ready. If engaged you can either ring back a little later or leave your contact details on the answer machine and the diocesan staff will get back to you.

PARISH ZOOM ROSARY GROUP

The parish has an online Zoom Rosary on Sundays at 6.30pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4pm. If you would like to participate email Katherine at Katie.peddie@gmail.com

PARISH WHATSAPP 'COFFEE BREAK' GROUP

The parish also has a daily from 2pm - 2.30pm If you would like to participate email Katherine at Katie.peddie@gmail.com

VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY LINK

Prayers and resources for children's liturgy catechists and for families who aren't able to attend church in person at the moment. https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/ CHILDREN'S LITURGY

After discussion with Fr Patrick, these will be reintroduced gradually, taking into account that numbers attending the 10.30 Mass will be restricted for the foreseeable future, as well as the need for social distancing. Please be patient and look out for updates on this newsletter.

To recap about First Holy Communion, those children who were due to receive this Sacrament in May and June, will do so on the corresponding Sundays in 2021. This year, because of the exceptional circumstances, we will be running a new class for a maximum of 20 children.

They will need to be going into Year 3 or higher this year and will need to be members of the parish who are prepared to commit to weekly Mass attendance and weekly term-time classes here. It is not possible to give starting dates yet, but you can register initial interest by contacting Barbara Kay on mbky3@outlook.com.

Tridentine Mass collection: £257.30

THE LEGION OF MARY



Legion of Mary will remain active and will be assisting the parish priest as directed in the coming weeks. Please contact Chris on 07962 426572 if you wish to contact the Legion of Mary.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK IN THE PARISH AND ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL ESPECIALLY WITH THE CORONAVIRUS

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Dear Jesus, divine physician and healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. Oh dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. Amen



WEEKLY OFFERING

To make your weekly offering: You can make the offering via https://northamptondiocese.org/donate/ Ensure you put 'CTK Bedford' in the remarks so the diocese know to forward the offering to our parish.

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE

21<sup>ST</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020

For all of us who love Lourdes our pilgrimage is a very personal and spiritual experience. This year, as we cannot run our pilgrimage in its usual form, the Catholic Association is collaborating with the Stonyhurst Association, to create an online 'Virtual Pilgrimage', in which we can be prayerfully united with each other, including it is hoped many of our 'assisted pilgrims', during the week when we would normally be at Lourdes. As the details take shape, further information will be posted at

https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/virtual-pilgrimage-2020 and at https://association.stonyhurst.acuk/the-lourdes-pilgrimage/virtual-lourdes-2020/

PRIVATE PRAYER AT THE CHURCH with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament SUNDAYS from 10am to 12 noon WEDNESDAYS from 10am to 12 noon FRIDAYS from 5pm to 7pm