

ST JOSEPH & ST HUGH
Catholic Parish of St. Neots and Buckden
 In the pastoral care of the Claretian Missionaries

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OTHER SERVICE TIMES

Reconciliation

St Joseph's - on the 1st Sunday of the month after Mass
 St Hugh's - on Saturday from 10.00am - 10.30am

Rosary

St Joseph's - on Tuesday at 10.45am
 St Hugh's - after the Mass on Monday Morning

Morning Prayer

St Hugh's - in the Lady Chapel at 9.15am on Monday to Saturday

Adoration

St Joseph's - on Friday from 9.30am to 9.55am
 St Hugh's - on Thursday from 9.55am to 10.30am

Baptism Preparation

6th April at St Hugh's
 13th July at St. Joseph's

7.00 - 9.00pm

Forms available in the porch

St Joseph's

Repository & Library

Open on Sunday mornings and

Office Hours

St Joseph's: Mon & Thu, 9-5;
 Tues, Wed & Fri, 10-12.
 St Hugh's: Monday to Friday from 9.00am - 5.00pm

PARISH NEWS

Last week's offering amounted to £2,108.

Friday (10th) is Lent Fast Day. 2nd Collection next Sunday for CAFOD. Gift Aid envelopes at the church entrance

The 2017 **East Anglia Diocese Yearbook** and Calendar is now available £1.00 only.



The youth of our Parish would like you to celebrate Mass with them on Saturday 22nd April at 6:30pm at St Hugh's.

The celebration will be organised and led by the current cohort of Confirmation candidates! The CWL will be providing food afterwards. Please make a note in your diary! All are welcome!

Fr. Jim Kennedy cmf, former Parish Priest of St. Joseph and St. Hugh, will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary of Priesthood on Saturday, 8th April. There will be a special Mass and celebrations at the Claretian Parish of Hayes in Middlesex at 12.15 pm. Please let us know if you would like to go so that transport can be arranged.

Next meeting on Sunday 12th March at St. Joseph's following the 5.30 pm Mass

DRESS EXCHANGE Buckden Towers 25th March 2017 at 1.00 pm. If you have a dress you would like to donate or if you need one then come along. Proceeds to the Beautiful Woman Project

100+ Club 2017. A list of all this year's runners and riders and winners are in too late to join. February winners:

#51 £25 Harper #14 £10 Huff

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

St John's Gospel Classes will resume on Thursdays at 11.00am in the Upper Room at St. Joseph's. Tea and coffee available from 10.30am as usual. All are welcome.

Monday, 6th March

There will be a Buckden choir practice at 7.30pm, to start preparing music for Lent and Holy Week. New faces most welcome

The next **Brampton Bible Study** will be on Thursday 9th March 2.30 at 12 St Georges Close, continuing with St Pauls Letter to the Corinthians. All most welcome.

Saturday, 11th March

Come to Flame. Flame is the National Catholic Youth event at Wembley Arena aimed at those in Year 10 and above. 10,000 young people will gather to receive faith-filled inspiration from world class speakers interspersed with music from Grammy award winner Matt Redman, and times of prayer. The Diocese is taking a group, offering subsidised tickets and arranging transport. Please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more details.

Monday 13th March

The next **SVP** meeting will be at 7.30pm in the Parish House. New members, including ladies, are welcome. There will not be a meeting on 6th March.

Saturday, 17th June

Save this Date. This year's **Marriage Celebration Mass** will be at 12 noon, at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich. Further details and registration information to follow shortly.

11th to 18th September

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. There are still some places left on this pilgrimage. For more information, or to book a place, please contact Pilgrimage People on 0800 6123423 or email office@pilgrimagepeople.org

2nd - 6th October

Celebrate the Feast of St Francis in Assisi. Led by Fr James Fyfe (together with parishioners from Wisbech RC parish). £720 (5 days/ 4 nights) in Assisi - steeped in prayer and history. St Francis is one of the most revered saints throughout the world. His Feast day (4th October) is celebrated with joy and devotion. This pilgrimage will allow you to join in the celebrations while at the same time visit sites associated with St Francis and St Clare. There will also be time for quiet reflection but also souvenir shopping. Fr James extends an invitation to anyone interested in joining the pilgrimage to contact 'C U There' on celebrationsunleashed@gmail.com

6th - 13th November 2017

Food and Drink Pilgrimage to the Holy Land! There are still a few places left on this Pilgrimage with a difference! As well as tasting the food and drink of the area, Knafi in Nablus, Cremisan wine, Taybeh beer for example, we will visit the more unusual Biblical sites including Kursi, the site of the Gadareens where Jesus cast the devils out of a young man into the herd of pigs, Qumran, where the dead sea scrolls were discovered and Jacob's Well where Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman. For further details contact Pilgrimage People 0800 612342 info@pilgrimagepeople.org or Kathy Bishop, who is a parishioner, on 01480 214524.

SNOWDROPS



It has been noted that this beautiful plant that heralds the Spring is missing from the grounds at Buckden Towers. **Would you be prepared to donate a clump of these plants?**

As they need to be planted in the green, this is the best time of year to get this underway. Perhaps you could give a small clump from your garden. This could be with your grandchildren, First Communion children etc. or in memory of someone. Donations can be left at the Towers anytime for others to plant. Please join the CWL members after the 9.45 am Mass on Sunday, 5th March to start this project.



Alive in Faith

Building a Sure Foundation for the Mission of Our Diocese

We have now finished our public meetings to answer your questions about 'Alive in Faith'. Thank you to those who have already responded. We are on the way to raising the £210,000 target.

If you were unable to attend there will be information packs available after the Masses on the next two weekends. Please make sure you are aware of this important Diocesan initiative.