

St Francis of Assisi Church

Year of the Word

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th September 2020

Mass and Word & Communion with the people
ALL TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS

Sunday 13th	9:00am 5:15pm	Foundation Mass for the dec'd members of Bridget Hizu , Family Foundation Mass for the dec'd members of the Eyston Family
Monday 14th	9:30am	Word & Communion
Tuesday 15th	9:30am	Karen Winter dec'd
Wednesday 16th	7:00pm 7:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Word & Communion
Thursday 17th	9:30am	Foundation Mass for Nora Forshaw dec'd
Friday 18th	9:30am 10:00am – 10:30am	Word & Communion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 19th	11:00am	Foundation Mass for the dec'd members of the Eyston Family
Sunday 20th	9:00am 5:15pm	People of the Parish Jean Blaxsell dec'd

Psalm Response:

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Gospel Welcome:

Alleluia! Alleluia! .Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Sponsored Bike Ride yesterday

- This was the annual Bike Ride.
- It is for the Historic Churches of Beds and Herts.
- Can you sponsor me or anybody else who is cycling ?
- We get 50% of every £ given in sponsorship for our own Parish.

The uncertainty that lies ahead of us. "Let us turn to Our Lord in prayer. Our nation and world are gripped with fears about the coronavirus."

For those of us who are a bit on the anxiety & worrying side, here is a prayer.

Lord, help me
Be prepared, but not anxious.
Be aware, but not desperate.
Be vigilant, but not in fear.
Be joyful, but not clueless.
Be faithful, but not careless.
Lord, be my hope and strength."

Prayer to Entrust Anxiety to Mary

by Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

O Holy Mary, my Queen,
I commend myself, body and soul,
to your merciful care today and every day,
especially in the hour of my death.
To you I entrust all my anxieties and sufferings,
my life and the end of my life,
that through your intercession
all my actions may be directed and disposed
according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Friends. Stay steady.

Take a deep breath.
Do not give in to fear.
Serve and pray for others.
Set your heart right with God.
This is not the end of the story.
All shall be well."

COVID19: Message - from the Mayor of Shefford.

He would like The Churches to make congregations aware that Virus Levels have risen in Shefford, in Arlesey and in Stotfold. The areas flagged up by Central Bedfordshire Council ARE dangerously close. He reminds us of the 3 easy and great things that all us can do to lessen the Virus Impact:

1. *Observe Social Distancing.*
2. *Wash your Hands regularly.*
3. *Wear Face Coverings in confined spaces (i.e. indoors outside of our Homes).*