

# OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART, BULKINGTON AND SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BEDWORTH



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## Sunday 3rd December 2017 First Sunday of Advent (B)

**After Mass, tea and coffee will be served in Parish Hall. Next weekend we welcome Fr Fabian Adindu who will be appealing on behalf of the Ghost Fathers (Spiritans). He will be saying all the weekend Masses and there will be a second collection for their work. I am sure that you will make him welcome.**

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<b>Sat 2nd Dec</b>		<b>3.15-3.45pm</b> <b>4.00pm</b>	*Exposition and Confessions. Kay O'Neill RIP & Gwen Joyce RIP (Garratt). James Hannigan RIP (Hannigan). Thomas Baker RIP (Wendy & Con).
<b>Sun 3rd</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Mary Anne Morris RIP (Janet). Ann Ganley RIP (Birthday). Special Intention: Mary Darlaston (Chedlow).	<b>11.30am</b>	Gwen Joyce RIP (Tedds).
<b>Mon 4th</b>	<b>11.00am</b> Funeral Mass of Martin Reilly RIP. <b>7.00pm</b> The Rosary.		
<b>Tues 5th</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Mary & Robert Emmott RIP (Rees). Special Intention: Bridie Davies (Diamond Wedding). <b>7.00pm</b> A Journey with Jesus through Advent.	<b>2.00pm</b>	Over 50s Christmas Party.
<b>Wed 6th</b>		<b>9.30am</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	Hilda May Spicer RIP (10th Anniversary) (Frank). Sr Rose McHale RIP (7th Anniversary) (Pawsey). RCIA in CRR (except for school holidays).
<b>Thurs 7th</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Play and Stay Group in Parish Hall.
<b>Fri 8th</b>	<b>4.00pm</b> First Holy Communion Preparation. <b>5.00pm</b> Confirmation Preparation.	<b>9.10am</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.</b> The Rosary. Service of the Word and Holy Communion.
<b>Sat 9th</b>		<b>3.15-3.45pm</b> <b>4.00pm</b>	*Exposition and Confessions. Rod Huffer RIP (Birthday) (Jenney). Gwen Joyce RIP (Haddon).
<b>Sun 10th</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Howard Rowe RIP & Peter Chilton (RIP) (Theresa & Jenny). Julia & Kevin Matts RIP.	<b>11.30am</b>	Pro Populo.

**\*Please respect the Lord during Exposition. Strictly no talking during Exposition.**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 63:16-17

**SECOND READING:** Corinthians 1:3-9

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 13:33-37

### ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Liam Macfarlane, Rev Horace Relph, Rev Michael George Knight, Rev William Warner, Rev Anthony Kane, Rev George Rafferty, Rev Thomas McMorrow, Rev Jerome O'Flynn, Rev Hugh Molloy, Bridget McIlroy, Joffre Nash, Margaret McCarthy, Michael Luxon, Irene Fletcher, Thomas Caines, Mary Anne Morris, Frank Horsley, Eric Fletcher, Mary Busby, John Martin, Sr Rose McHale, Dermot Folan, Eugene McCarthy, Howard Rowe, Tommy Storey, Della Bowen, Peter Chilton, Joyce Goodhead, Colin Anderson, Paul Reidy, Herbert Horsley, Eva Middleton, Kevin Matts.

### RECENTLY DEAD

Martin Reilly, Jamie Cameron, Paula Hill RIP.

**May they rest in peace. Amen.**

**Please pray for our relatives, friends, those in the parish who are sick and their carers** - Muriel Rutter, Frank Mulligan, Paul Follows, Freda Dumbleton, Jane Malone, Therese Clarke, Gary Stringer, Martin Payne, (Nurse) Pat Birch, Daria Walsh, Ray Gamble, Sue Stringer, Angela French, John Mason, Edward Gallagher, Roy O'Neill-Foulger, Maria Dixon, Paula Kennedy, Sean Daly, Fiona McMahon, Bryn Williams, Bob Devenney, Margaret Smith, Christopher McDonald, Tom Wood, Terence Howkins, Natalie Nidian, Rebecca Woodward, Helen McDonald, Brendan Duffy, Sue Owen, Paul Inns, Sr Mary Veronica, Elsie Richards, Mary Darleston, David Abell, Jane Goodyear, Jess Scoffham, Fergus Grant Snr., Paul Wooding, Joan McKenna, Pat McKenna, Lily Anderson, Aileen Davies, Horace Birch, Gerry Dudgeon, Patrick Morris, Michael Vasilium, Jonty Brinkley, Jimmy Follows, Yvonne Evans, Anne-Marie Kendall, James Fitzsimons, Barbara Carr, Paul McKenna, Robert Moynihan, David Shraga, Eileen Dosaley.

**PARISH PRAYER:- HOLY SPIRIT, TURN OUR GOOD INTENTIONS INTO SOMETHING REAL  
AND ACTIVE AND FRUITFUL AND HELP US ENJOY THE PROCESS.**

**THE SEASON OF ADVENT** This weekend we begin the season of Advent and a new liturgical church year (Year B). We are all invited to watch, listen and pray as we prepare to welcome the birth of Jesus, the gift of God's son on Christmas day. During this time God calls us to a new level of spiritual attentiveness. To help us to do this please try to come Mass daily if you can, make an effort to perhaps say the Rosary, and join with the Diocesan family in prayer by using the "Walk with Me" booklets and calendars each day. The theme this year is "watching, listening and welcoming", do your best also to encourage someone you know who is a Catholic and hasn't been to Mass for a while or for however long to come back to Mass for Advent and Christmas. Let us open our hearts to the love and the peace of the Lord this Advent.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** with the Christmas times are available this weekend.

**TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER: A JOURNEY WITH JESUS THROUGH ADVENT** Fr Denis McBride - a renowned Redemptorist speaker and writer is giving a talk on this subject at Mater Ecclesiae Convent, Street Ashton, Rugby, CV23 0PJ, from 2-4pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, and then at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Bulkington, CV12 9RU, from 7-9pm. Refreshments will be available at both venues. Donations will be gratefully received. Booking is essential and may be made, either to Mater Ecclesiae Convent, tel. 01788 833825, e-mail: admin@mater-ecclesiae-convent.co.uk or to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, tel. 02476 312293, e-mail: michaelgamble1@btinternet.com.

**SCHOOL LIFE** School is now beginning to get ready for Christmas during this Advent season. As each day unfolds in Advent, the children are challenged to reflect on God's old promise to come and rescue His people, and think again about what Jesus Emmanuel, 'God with us', really means to them. We will celebrate our **Christmas Mass on Tuesday 19th December 2017 at 10.00am** in our school hall. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Michael and Fr Philip Newbold who is very much looking forward to meeting up with old friends, please do come and join us! Please do have a look at our Website for more information <http://www.stfranciscatholicprimary.co.uk/>.

**COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN** This is designed as outreach to those who come to Church at Christmas, to invite people who don't attend Mass to come back, to inform them of what is going on in the parish and invite those who attend to be part of parish life after Advent. Every person who attends Mass, will know someone who no longer attends. This initiative will provide the opportunity for each person to reach out and invite these people to come back to Mass for Christmas. **COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS** is a very simple way of involving every parishioner in an evangelisation campaign. It encourages us all to remember that we should be inviting people back to Church, so that they may encounter Jesus. We can change people's lives with a simple invitation and letting them know we welcome all people into our Church. On the first weekend of Advent, the Parish Priest will announce that the

campaign would be happening. Every person in the parish will be asked to think of at least 3 people to invite to one of the Christmas Masses. They will spend the first weeks of Advent praying for the people they intend to invite. The second week of Advent there is again a reminder of the campaign and parishioners are handed invitation cards to the Christmas Masses. These are to be used as tools to give to those they wish to invite.

**RUGBY DEANERY WEBSITE** We now have a new website designed specifically for our Rugby Deanery and covering all the parishes in the Deanery. You may view it at <https://rugby-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>

**OUR NEW CHURCH WEBCAMS** these can be viewed using a web browser at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/lady-sacred-heart/> and <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-francis-assisi/> respectively.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017**

- Penance Services:** Tues 19th Dec at 7.00pm at Our Lady of the Angels, Nuneaton. Wed 20th Dec at 7.00pm at St Marie's, Rugby.  
**Tue 19th Dec** - Mass at St Francis School at 9.30am.  
**Wed 20th Dec** - Mass at St Francis of Assisi at 9.30am.  
**Thurs 21st Dec** - Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at 9.30am.  
**Fri 22nd Dec** - Mass at St Francis of Assisi at 9.30am.  
**Sat 23rd Dec** - Mass at St Francis of Assisi at 4.00pm.  
**Sun 24th Dec** - Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at 9.30am.  
**NOTE:** No 11.30am Mass at St Francis of Assisi.  
 Vigil Mass at St Francis of Assisi at 4.00pm.  
 Mass of Nativity at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at 8.00pm.  
**Mon 25th Dec** - Mass at St Francis of Assisi at 10.00am.  
**Tue 26th Dec** - Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at 11.00am.  
**Sat 30th Dec** - Vigil Mass at St Francis of Assisi at 4.00pm.  
**NOTE:** No Exposition or Confessions today.  
**Sun 31st Dec** - Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at 9.30am.  
 Mass at St Francis of Assisi at 11.30am.  
**Mon 1st Jan 2018** - Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at 11.00am.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** This Christmas you are invited to buy a flower or more than one in memory of a loved one / or ones for Christmas. These flowers will be used to decorate the Church and Altar during the Christmas Season. Like at Easter their names will be entered into a memorial book and will be placed on the Altar in both churches during the Christmas Masses. For EACH name you are invited to donate a minimum of £3. Place your money in an envelope and write "Christmas Flowers" on the top along with the name of the person or persons wished to be REMEMBERED underneath. Please place this through the Presbytery door OR GIVE TO FR MICHAEL OR THE SISTERS up until the day BEFORE Christmas Eve at the latest! What better way to remember our loved ones at the Altar during this Christmas period?

God Bless

*Fr. Michael*

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

For Sunday 26th November **£416.63**  
 Youth Services **£201.60**  
 Thank you very much.

**100 CLUB (NOVEMBER)**

1st **38**, 2nd **03**, 3rd **33**. Why not join the 100 Club! For just 50p per week (£2 per month, paid monthly) you could win a 1st Prize of £60, a 2nd Prize of £25, or a 3rd Prize of £15. Please see Janet or Terence. Many thanks for supporting the 100 Club.

The **PIETY SHOP** will be open after weekend Masses. A large selection of gifts, cards, etc. are available.

**READERS ROTA**

Sun 3rd December - L. Grindal / P. Connearn  
 Sun 10th December - B. Neale / C. Langham

**OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART DIARY**

**A Day During Advent** talk on Tues 5th December 2.00pm at Mater Ecclesiae Convent and 7.00pm at Bulkington.

**Over 50s** Thursday 14th December. Annual Christmas Dinner at Weston Hall Hotel, 12.30 for 1.00pm.

**Parish Trip to Rome** Mon 26th February to Fri 2nd March 2018.

**ST FRANCIS of ASSISI, BEDWORTH**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

For Sunday 26th November 2017 **£299.27**  
 Youth Services **£181.08**  
 Thank you very much.

**INTENTION CANDLES**

**Our Lady:** Rod Huffer RIP (Birthday)  
**Sacred Heart:** Eileen Ford RIP

**100 CLUB (NOVEMBER)**

1st **33**, 2nd **23**, 3rd **89**. Why not join our 100 Club? For just £1 per week you could win a 1st Prize of £80, a 2nd Prize of £50, or a 3rd Prize of £30. Please see Peter Oakley or Mary Smith if you would like to join.

**PIETY SHOP** is open after both weekend Masses. A large selection of cards, gifts etc. are available. Intention candles are available at only £3 to commemorate a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI DIARY**

**Over 50s Christmas Party**  
 Tue 5th December 2.00-4.00pm in Parish Hall. Entertainment, raffle, bingo etc.

**Children's Christmas Party**  
 Sun 17th December after Mass.