

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



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Sunday 10th December 2017 Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Today we welcome Fr Fabian Adindu who will be appealing on behalf of the Ghost Fathers (Spiritans). A second collection will be taken for their work. After Mass, tea and coffee will be served in Parish Hall.

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Sat 9th Dec		3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	*Exposition and Confessions. Rod Huffer RIP (Birthday) (Jenney). Gwen Joyce RIP (Haddon).
Sun 10th	9.30am Howard Rowe RIP & Peter Chilton (RIP) (Theresa & Jenny). Julia & Kevin Matts RIP.	11.30am	Pro Populo.
Mon 11th	7.00pm The Rosary.		
Tues 12th	9.30am Irene & Eric Fletcher RIP (Dianne & Ray).		
Wed 13th		9.30am 7.00pm	Jamie Cameron RIP (Maria Dixon). RCIA in CRR (except for school holidays).
Thurs 14th	9.00am *Exposition and Confessions. 9.30am Ray Gamble RIP. 1.00pm Over 50s Christmas Dinner at Weston Hall.	10.00am	Play and Stay Group in Parish Hall.
Fri 15th	4.00pm First Holy Communion Preparation. 5.00pm Confirmation Preparation.	10.00am 12noon	Funeral Mass of Paula Hill RIP. HOE Crematorium.
Sat 16th		3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	*Exposition and Confessions. Michael Wright RIP (9th Anniversary) (Anne).
Sun 17th	9.30am The Foster Family (Symonds). 4.00pm Christmas Service.	11.30am	In Thanksgiving: Stewart / Taylor. Baptism during Mass of Imogen Mary Steggall. Children's Christmas Party after Mass.

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

ANNIVERSARIES

Canon Joseph Walsh, Rev Vincent Lucas, Mgr Canon Francis H Drinkwater, Rev George Gallacher, Rev William H Browne, Rev Cyril Barlow, Rev John Griffith, Rev Joseph Rowland, Rev Denis Ryan, Rev Michael McKiernan, Rev Peter Kavanagh, Deacon Bryan Salter, Deacon Henry Atkinson, Mgr Bernard Navin, Rev Fergus O'Connell, John Bird, Anne Gallagher, Patricia Woodhouse, Sean Brennan, John Whitehurst, Michael Wright, Mary McIlroy, John Batty, Robery Lary.

RECENTLY DEAD

Ray Gamble, Fergus Grant Snr, 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, Sue Stringer, Angela French, John Mason, Edward Gallagher, Roy O'Neill-Foulger, Maria Dixon, Paula Kennedy, Sean Daly, Fiona McMahan, Bryn Williams, Bob Deveney, 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 Darlestone, David Abell, Jane Goodyear, Jess Scoffham, 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.

THE ROSARY is recited every Monday evening at 7.00pm in Bulkington and every Friday morning at Bedworth at 9.10am. For information regarding **BAPTISM**, please see our parish website at www.olshweston.org. **HOSPITALS** For George Eliot Hospital - Fr Matthew Pittam on 01788 833547 and if it is urgent please contact the hospital switchboard (024 7635 1351) and ask to speak to the on-call chaplain. For University Hospital, Coventry and Myton Hospice contact Fr Paul Burch who is the full time Chaplain and can be contacted on 02476 693752 or 02476 967515 or email paulburch5@hotmail.com. **MASS AT GEORGE ELIOT HOSPITAL CHAPEL** at 3.00pm on the first Monday of each month (except Bank Holidays).

**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.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS Advent has begun, and the children are preparing for Christmas. Our Nativity play 'Straw and Order' told the story of Jesus' birth beautifully. The children were all quite rightly proud of their play. The angels were magnificent. Year 6 have held an Advent Sleepover. Each child went without their home comforts on Friday night to sleep over at school to fundraise for homeless people in our community. A huge thank you to all the sponsors and a special thanks to the staff who are so very generous and giving with their time. Coming to work in the morning and not returning home until the following morning just shows how dedicated they are! We would like to extend a warm invitation to our carol service on Thursday 14th December at 6.00pm in St Francis Church and to our Christmas Mass on Tuesday 19th December at 9.30am, to be celebrated by Fr Michael and Fr Philip Newbold. The Mass will be followed by tea,

coffee and festive mince pies. Please do come and join us!

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES Please look for certificates in the porches at Bedworth and Bulkington, acknowledging the contribution of parishioners in this year's shoebox campaign. Pam Hopwood, who co-ordinates our team, has asked that the following message is passed on. **'Your donation of beautiful gifts, monies and filled shoeboxes has helped us to send 2153 completed boxes to needy children in Romania and Belarus. Thank you for your continued help and support'**. We will begin collecting for Christmas 2018 in the New Year. Please bear us in mind if you have any spare wrapping paper, unwanted gifts, even cracker novelties - nothing goes to waste. For further information please look at the website www.teams4u.com.

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 3rd December **£337.47**
 Church Building Maintenance Fund **£188.46**
 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 10th December - B. Neale / C. Langham
 Sun 17th December - S. Robinson / K. Alexander

PARISH BAZAAR What a lovely day we had at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday. Many thanks to all those who came along, organised or ran stalls, worked in the kitchen, made the bacon butties, donated bottles, cakes or other prizes, counted the money, prepared the Hall and cleaned up afterwards and to the Tom Cobley singers. I am very grateful to you all. A profit £1980.00 was made. Many thanks and well done. All prizes have been claimed; lists are displayed in the Church Porch.

The Choir, Children's Liturgy groups and friends invite you to **"A CHRISTMAS NATIVITY"** on Sunday 17th December at 4.00pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Hall by the UCM.

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART DIARY

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 3rd December 2017 **£324.78**
 Church Building Maintenance Fund **£194.77**
 Thank you very much.

INTENTION CANDLES

Our Lady: Patrick Cunningham RIP
Sacred Heart: David

100 CLUB (DECEMBER)

1st **11**, 2nd **80**, 3rd **8**. 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

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