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



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Sunday 17th December 2017 Third Sunday of Advent (B)

After Mass, tea and coffee will be served in Parish Hall.

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Sat 16th Dec			3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	*Exposition and Confessions. Michael Wright RIP (9th Anniversary) (Anne).
Sun 17th	9.30am 4.00pm	The Foster Family (Symonds). Christmas Service.	11.30am	In Thanksgiving: Stewart / Taylor. Baptism during Mass of Imogen Mary Steggall. Children's Christmas Party after Mass.
Mon 18th	7.00pm	The Rosary.		
Tues 19th	7.00pm	Penance Service at Our Lady of the Angels	9.30am	Mass at St Francis School. Anne Patricia Spicer RIP (7th Anniversary) (Frank).
Wed 20th			9.30am 7.00pm	Patrick Dillon & Ron Jackson RIP (Anniversary) (Wendy & Con). Penance Service at St Marie's, Rugby.
Thurs 21st	9.00am 9.30am	*Exposition and Confessions. Bill Crawley RIP (Winifred). Mary & Jack McCullough RIP (Loret).	10.00am	Play and Stay Group in Parish Hall.
Fri 22nd		Sacramental Preparation begins again on Friday 12th January 2018.	9.00am 9.30am	The Rosary. Alice Culleton RIP (Anniversary) (Charlie & family).
Sat 23rd			3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	*Exposition and Confessions. Kieron Johnson RIP (Mary).
Sun 24th	9.30am 8.00pm	Josie Devey (Rowe). Neil Chesterton RIP (Anniversary). Mass of the Nativity. Peter Robinson RIP (9th Anniversary).	4.00pm	No 11.30am Mass today. Vigil Mass for Christmas. Martin Jones RIP (Gill).
Mon 25th			10.00am	For the People.
Tues 26th	11.00am	For the Altar Servers.		

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11 SECOND READING: Thessalonians 5:16-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul rejoices in my God. GOSPEL: John 1:6-8.19-28

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Daniel O'Connor, Rev Michael O'Meara, Irene Bird, William Chamberlain, Molly O'Donnell, Jack McCullough, Charlie O'Connor, Anne Spicer, James McIlroy, Daniel Devlin, Rose Young, David Smith, Nancy Feeney, Michael Dickens, Julia Cook, Mary McCullough, Cathy Sammons, Evelyn Arnold, Hilda Emily Ward, Denis Cook, Annie McCarroll, Neil Chesterton, Rose Lary, Ruby Wade, Alice Culleton, Peter Robinson, Michael Anderson, Phyllis Thompson, Mgr Canon Thomas J Gavin, Harold Gardner.

RECENTLY DEAD

Ray Gamble, Fergus Grant Snr, Jamie Cameron RIP.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray for our relatives, friends, those in the parish who are sick and their carers - Tony Pittam, 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 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, 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 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 oncall 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).

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.

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

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For Sunday 10th December 2017 £196.30 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 17th December - S. Robinson / K. Alexander Sun 24th December - Tricia & Keith Lawlor

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 Thurs 11th January 2018, 2.00-400pm. History of the Samaritans with David Frost.

UCM Wed 24th January 2018 at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, and it will be our AGM.

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

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.

COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION GROUPS will begin again in the New Year on Friday 12th January 2018.

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

ST FRANCIS of ASSISI, BEDWORTH

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
For Sunday 10th December 2017 £279.78

Ghost Fathers £156.14

Thank you very much.

INTENTION CANDLES

Divine Mercy: Stanley Jenkins RIP

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jonathon, our young organist, who has passed his organ examination. Well done!

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI DIARY						
Children's Christmas Party Sun 17th December after Mass.						