

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



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## Sunday 24th December 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

**After Mass, tea and coffee will be served in Parish Hall. The collection on Christmas Eve / Christmas Day is the traditional Christmas offering to the clergy. Christmas Offering envelopes are available in the porch. Please note the changed times for daily Masses this coming week.**

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| <b>Sat 23rd Dec</b>                      |  | <b>4.00pm</b>                  | No Exposition and Confessions.<br>Kieron Johnson RIP (Mary).                                  |
| <b>Sun 24th Christmas Eve</b>            | <b>9.30am</b> Josie Devey (Rowe).<br>Neil Chesterton RIP (Anniversary).<br><b>8.00pm</b> <b>Mass of the Nativity.</b><br>Peter Robinson RIP (9th Anniversary). | <b>4.00pm</b>                  | <b>No 11.30am Mass today.</b><br><b>Vigil Mass for Christmas.</b><br>Martin Jones RIP (Gill). |
| <b>Mon 25th Christmas Day</b>            |  | <b>10.00am</b>                 | For the People of the Parish.   |
| <b>Tues 26th</b>                         | <b>11.00am</b> For the Altar Servers.  |                                |   |
| <b>Wed 27th</b>                          |  | <b>10.00am</b>                 | Jamie Cameron RIP (Mary).   |
| <b>Thurs 28th</b>                        | <b>10.00am</b> Muriel Rutter RIP.  |                                |   |
| <b>Fri 29th</b>                          |  | <b>10.00am</b>                 | Special Intention: Columban Fathers (Ison).   |
| <b>Sat 30th</b>                          |  | <b>4.00pm</b>                  | No Exposition and Confessions.<br>Mark McKenna RIP (Birthday) (Sheffield).                    |
| <b>Sun 31st</b>                          | <b>9.30am</b> Harry & Julia Newton RIP (Sheila).<br>Christopher White RIP (Marilyn).   | <b>11.30am</b>                 | Pro Populo.   |
| <b>Mon 1st Jan</b>                       | <b>11.00am</b> Blessings for the New Year.   |                                |   |

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

**FIRST READING:** Samuel 7:1-5.8-12.14.16

**SECOND READING:** Romans 16:25-27

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 1:26-38

### ANNIVERSARIES

Mgr Canon William Flint, Rev Patrick Wall, Rev Anthony Ireland, Bishop Francis Thomas, Mgr Canon Thomas Gavin, Rev Thomas N Meagher, Rev Denis Murphy, Mgr Patrick O'Mahoney, Rev Colm McCabe, Rev James (Seamus) McInterney, Rev David O'Callaghan, Rev Francis Etherington CO, Rev Cyril Evans, Rev Patrick Lynch, Rose Lary, Ruby Wade, Josie Devey, Alice Culleton, Peter Robinson, Michael Anderson, Phyllis Thompson, Harold Gardner, Jessie Cotterill, Rosemary White, Ann Louise Healy, John Lappin, Jean Davenport, Sawzi Abu Hamdan, Anne Seabright, Delia Crossland, Robert Hill, Charles Gavigan, Stanley Dare, Phyllis Bryan.

### RECENTLY DEAD

Bernadette Whitehead, Mary McCann, Muriel Rutter, 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, 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 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](http://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](mailto: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.

**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** Thanks again to everyone who supported the Christmas Shoebox appeal this year. Please remember to save your leftover wrapping paper, cracker novelties and the front of Christmas cards as they will all be put to good use when we start again in January.

**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.

**CAROL SERVICE** May I thank everyone who organised and supported the Carol Service last Sunday. It was such a lovely family occasion. Thank you to Jenny and the Choir, the readers, UCM and the ladies for serving the refreshments and preparing the Parish Hall.

**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?

*It's that time of year again when I try to find the right words to express my appreciation to Sisters Mary Jane and Navya, who have done so much in the short time they have been with us and have taken people to their hearts and to all those people from both parishes who help during the year to keep the Churches and Parish Halls looking so good. You all know who you are and we are truly grateful to you for helping maintain such high standards. Perhaps we could say a little prayer in thanksgiving to God for all the work that is done in and around both Churches for his glory. Wishing you and your families peace, joy and many blessings of this holy season.*

God Bless

*Fr. Michael*

**OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART, BULKINGTON**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

For Sunday 17th December 2017 **£620.85**

Church Building Maintenance Fund **£119.17**

Thank you very much.

**100 CLUB (DECEMBER)**

1st **96**, 2nd **37**, 3rd **100**. 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 24th December - Tricia & Keith Lawlor

**APF BOXES** The total collected for the December quarter is £493.80, any other amounts received this year will be carried forward to 2018. The year to date total is £3039.42 + £168.58 gift aid. Many thanks to Mesdames: Andrews, Beddows, Fletcher, Langham, Lennon, Liddle, Waddoups and Waring; and Messieurs: Alexander, Neale and Ryan for all their hard work and to all the individual red box holders whose generosity made this amazing years total possible.

**OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART DIARY**

**Over 50s** Thurs 11th January 2018, 2.00-4.00pm. History of the Samaritans with David Frost.

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

**UCM Jumble Sales** on Sat 10th February and Sat 10th March 2018 at 11.00am in the Parish Hall.

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

**ST FRANCIS of ASSISI, BEDWORTH**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

For Sunday 17th December 2017 **£364.74**

Church Building Maintenance Fund **£236.48**

Thank you very much.

**INTENTION CANDLES**

**Divine Mercy:** Stanley Jenkins RIP

**Our Lady:** Patrick Cunningham RIP

**Sacred Heart:** Kieron Johnson 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**

**Afternoon Teas** every 2nd Tuesday in Parish Hall from April 2018.