

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



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The Year of the Word - Sunday 1st December 2019 First Sunday of Advent (A)

Walk in the light of the Lord. God's Word is clear – we can only be certain of each current moment in our day-to-day lives. To live as couples in the 'present moment' more often, we need to apply ourselves to today's call from Jesus to "stay awake". Also St Paul tells us, "the time has come: you must wake up now", because now is all we have. After Mass, tea and coffee will be served in the Parish Hall. Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Poor Parishes.

Sat 30th Nov	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Exposition and Confessions. Martin Payne RIP (Diane & Christine).	Bedworth
Sun 1st Dec	9.30am	Julia & Kevin Matts RIP (Cooper). Martin Payne RIP (Family).	Bulkington
	11.30am	Paula Kennedy RIP (Duncan). Baptism during Mass of Charlotte Smith.	Bedworth
Mon 2nd	7.00pm	The Rosary.	Bulkington
Tues 3rd	9.30am	Ken Gamble RIP (Rowe). Deceased members of the Over 50s.	Bulkington
Wed 4th	9.30am 10.00am	Ken Gamble RIP (Richards). Margaret Dolan RIP (Maira). Play and Stay Group meet in Parish Hall.	Bedworth
Thurs 5th	9.00am 9.30am 4.30pm 5.30pm	Exposition and Confessions. Irene & Eric Fletcher RIP (Dianne). Mary & Robert Emmott (Sheila). Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion in Parish Hall. Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation in Parish Hall.	Bulkington
Fri 6th	9.10am 9.30am 2.15pm	The Rosary Frank Mulligan RIP (Kennedy). Advent Service at St Francis School.	Bedworth
Sat 7th	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Exposition and Confessions. Sr Rose McHale RIP (9th Anniversary) (Pawsey).	Bedworth
	11.00am	Christmas Bazaar in Parish Hall to be opened by Mark Pawsey MP.	Bulkington
Sun 8th	9.30am	Howard Rowe & Peter Chilton RIP (Anniversary) (Chilton/Rowe).	Bulkington
	11.30am	Pro Populo.	Bedworth

ANNIVERSARIES

Archbishop Edward Ilsley, Rev Liam Macfarlane, Rev Horace Relph, Rev Michael George Knight, Angela Betteridge, Ray Gamble, Fergus Grant, Bridget McIlroy, Joffre Nash, Margaret McCarthy, Irene Fletcher, John Hardwick, Thomas Caines, Mary Anne Morris, Frank Horsley, Eric Fletcher, Mary Busby, John Martin, Sr Rose McHale, Dermot Folan, Eugene McCarthy.

RECENTLY DEAD

Patricia Culleton RIP.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS - Cath Hurley, Janet Pittam, Bridie Guilfoyle, Sue Owen, Dale Cox, Joyce Cotterill, Jean Kimber, John Burns, Lauren Glynn, Baby Florence, Mgr Graham Wilkinson, Fr Gerry Doyle, Tina & Baby, Ann Allsop, Paul Cooper, David Abell, Rebecca Woodward, Natalie Brett, Wendy and Bryn Williams, Paul Follows, Val Maund, Raymond and Nuala Nash, Tony Pittam, Jess Scoffham, Maria Dixon, Margaret Smith, Sr Mary Veronica, Jane Goodyear, Paul Wooding, Joan McKenna, Pat McKenna, Horace Birch.

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 St Osburg's on 024 7622 0402.

ADVENT 2019 As we begin Advent and prepare for the birth of Jesus the **WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS AND CALENDARS** are available at the back of the Church. During Advent the Rosary will be said before each Weekday Mass and on Saturdays during Exposition in Bedworth. In Bulkington on Thursday mornings during Advent we will revive Exposition and Confessions from 9am before 9.30 am Mass.

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?

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

OUR ADVENT APPEAL DAUGHTERS OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES-KAKAMUS (SOUTH AFRICA) I have agreed with Fr Thomas Varghese, Missionaries of St Francis de Sales that in conjunction with the Daughters of St Francis de Sales we would support each year 5 orphan children in their Orphanage Mission from each parish, (10 in total) at the cost of £120.00 per child per year. Total cost £600 per parish per year as a way of our Mission outreach. If anyone wishes to Sponsor a child personally at £120.00 per child per year please let me or the Sisters know. The donations go straight to their mission through our Sisters. Every penny reaches them. Cheques should be made payable to (The Daughters of St Francis de Sales) DSFS. Thank you.

SCHOOL NEWS - This week has been eventful here at school, we are experiencing boiler problems, thankfully, the MAC has sourced emergency heating for us to remain warm whilst repair work is completed. We celebrated prize giving at St Thomas More's on Thursday evening, it is wonderful to see how well our past pupils have done! We finish our week with the Blessing of the Advent wreath and the Christmas. Following advice from Pope Francis, we have hired a live Christmas tree which will be returned to continue growing after Christmas, to be brought back to us again next year. As a school family we are helping look after our planet. We will be preparing for Christmas during Advent by completing a reverse Advent Calendar, each day the children will count down to Christmas by thinking of others and donating an item to the Foodbank. As always the children keep the parish in their prayers. *Charlotte Culleton.*

THE YEAR OF THE WORD This Advent sees the beginning of an important year in the Catholic Church in England and Wales - a Year of the Word. As the Church's focus turns to Year A, St Matthew's Gospel, we are asked to consider the many ways in which God speaks to us: through the Bible, through Prayer, through other people. To launch the Year of the Word in our Archdiocese, Archbishop Bernard Longley will celebrate the 4.30pm Mass in St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 30th November, the vigil of the First Sunday of Advent. Everybody is welcome.

NEW HYMN BOOKS, NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN NEW MUSIC We're looking for more singers and musicians to join our choir. No experience necessary. You don't need to read music. Just

enthusiasm and willingness to learn. Choir practice is held at Bulkington 7.30 pm on a Monday night. We'd love to see you. If you want to know more, See Jenny at Bulkington or Andrew at Bedworth.

DEAR PARISHIONERS, Last weekend it was a great joy for me to be present at Fr John Bland's Golden Jubilee on Sunday morning at St Marie's in Rugby. It was a lovely occasion. As we begin this journey of Advent let us try to focus of the real meaning of Christmas, opening our hearts to welcome the true "Prince of Peace". On Friday I had the great joy of blessing the Advent wreath and tree at School. It was lovely to see the children's faces light up. This weekend we bless our Advent wreath in both Parishes. Don't forget to collect your "Walk with me booklets" at the back of Church. They are free. Take one for a friend and invite them to join every day with us at home on our Journey through Advent.

I would like to thank Dawn Steele (Spicer) for making our Jesse tree for the Children's Liturgy during Advent.

Please do support our **Christmas Bazaar** in Bulkington next Saturday 7th December 11am-3pm. Mark Pawsey, the Conservative Candidate for our constituency has kindly offered to open it for us. Please come along and bring your friends for all your Christmas bargains! The proceeds of the Bazaar are to go towards the refurbishment of the kitchen in the Parish Hall in Bulkington. We are hopefully going to get a grant towards it but this will no way near cover the cost.

Details of the **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** remembrance are also in the newsletter and also please don't forget to bring your (Baby Jesus figure) from your crib set to be blessed on 3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy Sunday. There will be a special blessing at the end of Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES Although a card will be published shortly, these are our times of the Christmas Masses for 2019.

TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS FOR CHRISTMAS (Bedworth) 4.00pm. **MASS OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (MASS OF MIDNIGHT)** (Bulkington) **NB** 8.30pm.

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS DAY) Mass (BULKINGTON) 10.00am, Mass (BEDWORTH) 10.30am.

God Bless

Fr. Michael

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART, BULKINGTON

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For Sunday 24th November 2019 **£328.16**

Catholic Youth Services **£133.60**

Thank you very much.

100 CLUB (NOVEMBER)

1st **54**, 2nd **76**, 3rd **12**. 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 **Christmas** gifts, cards, etc. are available.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday 7th December, 11.00am - 3.00pm. Lists are now on the Church notice board, articles needed for the stalls, please pass them to person running the stall. Prizes needed for Grand Draw and help is still needed in the kitchen. Wanted - bottles of wine and spirits. Please give these to Eileen Clarke (Bottle Stall) or Janet Cooper (10 Bottles Stall).

READERS ROTA

Sun 1st December - Paul & Pat Tubb

Sun 8th December - W. Crawley / N. Rice

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART DIARY

Christmas Bazaar Sat 7th December 11am-3pm in Parish Hall.

Over 50s Thurs 12th December. Christmas Lunch at Weston Hall

Men's Card Night Fri 13th December at 8.00pm in Parish Hall.

New Years Eve celebrations on Tues 31st December. A welcome return of the Blues Brothers. Bring your own food and drink. Tickets £10. Contact Eileen Clarke 024 7631 1650 or 0785 3899630.

UCM Wed 22nd January at 7.30pm. AGM.

First Holy Communion Sunday 17th May 2020 at 9.30am.

Confirmation Sunday 14th June 2020 at 9.30am.

ST FRANCIS of ASSISI, BEDWORTH

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For Sunday 24th November 2019 **£318.57**

Catholic Youth Services **£196.73**

Thank you very much.

INTENTION CANDLES

Our Lady: Michael Walsh

Divine Mercy: Eileen Ford RIP

Sacred Heart: Patrick Cunningham RIP

100 CLUB (NOVEMBER)

1st **45**, 2nd **87**, 3rd **39**. 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY As the children journey through Advent learning about events leading to the birth of Jesus, I thought it would be a good idea for us to think about the children and families who are struggling at this time. With this in mind I would like to ask our children and parents to bring in some gifts that we can send to our local food bank. We can all help to make this Christmas time really happy and meaningful for everyone. Thank you. *Cilla.*

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

CHOIR members are needed to join and sing please.

READERS ROTA

Sat 30th November - J. Richards / P. Oakley

Sun 1st December - Sister Mary Jane / M. Jones

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI DIARY

Play and Stay Group every Thursday at 10.00am in Parish Hall (except holidays).

First Holy Communion Sat 16th May at 11.00am

Confirmation Tue 2nd June at 7.00pm.