

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



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The Year of the Word - Sunday 8th December 2019 Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Advent – a new beginning for us? Today, Isaiah talks about trust and Matthew focuses on forgiveness. Advent is the opportunity to discover new ways to help our partner to trust us and to share themselves. Our prayer can be that we drop our defences, become more vulnerable and have the courage to open ourselves to be able to really listen, to share and to change. Second collection today for the Poor Parishes. After Mass, tea and coffee will be served in the Parish Hall.

Sat 7th Dec	11.00am	Christmas Bazaar in Parish Hall to be opened by Mark Pawsey MP.	Bulkington
	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Exposition and Confessions. Sr Rose McHale RIP (9th Anniversary) (Pawsey).	Bedworth
Sun 8th	9.30am	Howard Rowe & Peter Chilton RIP (Anniversary) (Chilton/Rowe).	Bulkington
	11.30am	Pro Populo.	Bedworth
Mon 9th	7.00pm	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The Rosary.	Bulkington
Tues 10th	9.30am	Ann Ganley RIP. Special Intention: Audrey Goode (Chedlow).	Bulkington
Wed 11th	9.30am	Father Wilson Kottam RIP (Sisters).	Bedworth
Thurs 12th	9.00am 9.30am 2.00pm	Exposition and Confessions. For the Nation on Election Day. Over 50s Christmas Lunch at Weston Hall hotel.	Bulkington
	10.00am	Play and Stay Group meet in Parish Hall.	Bedworth
Fri 13th	9.10am 9.30am	The Rosary Patricia Culleton RIP.	Bedworth
Sat 14th	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Exposition and Confessions. For the people of the parish.	Bedworth
Sun 15th	9.30am	Thelma McKeown RIP (Birthday) (Friswell). Nigel Patrick Moynihan RIP (1st Anniversary) (Sheila).	Bulkington
	11.30am	Michael Wright RIP (11th Anniversary) (Anne).	Bedworth

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev William Warner, Rev Anthony Kane, Rev George Rafferty, Rev Thomas McMorrow, Rev Jerome O'Flynn, Rev Hugh Molloy, Canon Joseph Walsh, Rev Vincent Lucas, Mgr Canon Francis Harold Drinkwater, Rev George Gallacher, Rev William Henry Browne, Rev Cyril Barlow, Rev John Griffith, Rev Joseph Rowland, Rev Denis Ryan, Howard Rowe, Tommy Storey, Della Bowen, Peter Chilton, Joyce Goodhead, Colin Anderson, Paul Reidy, Herbert Horsley, Eva Middleton, Kevin Matts, John Bird, Anne Gallagher, Patricia Woodhouse, Sean Brennan.

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 Last week our reverse Advent Calendar has got off to a flying start with a huge amount of generous donations. In this year of 'The God who Speaks' the children are listening and responding, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' This week the children will perform their Nativity plays, helping us all to reflect upon the birth of Jesus. Next Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent is Bambinelli Sunday, children will bring their baby Jesus crib figures to Mass to be blessed. St John Paul II started this tradition and Pope Francis is keen for children across the world to take part, children can make figures or bring figures from their cribs at home. The Blessing makes Guadete Sunday a joyful occasion for everyone. As always the children remember the parish in their prayers. *Charlotte Culleton.*

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY "And the word became flesh and dwelt among us" John 1:14 What is it? The tradition follows that the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) is Bambinelli Sunday and this is when all the children bring their figure of Baby Jesus (known in Italy as Bambinelli) from their Nativity scenes to St. Peter's square to be blessed by the Pope. Pope Francis said of Bambinelli Sunday "When you gather in your homes in prayer before the manger, looking at the Child Jesus, you will feel amazement at the great mystery of God made man; and the Holy Spirit will give your heart the humility, tenderness and goodness of Jesus. This is the true Christmas! May this be so for you and for your families". Please don't forget to bring your Baby Jesus figure from your crib set to be blessed on 3rd Sunday of Advent.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES Cards are now available in the porch showing all the Christmas Mass times.

Wed 18th Dec Penance Service at St Marie's, Rugby at 7.00pm.
Fri 20th Dec Penance Service at Our Lady of the Angels at 7.00pm.
Sat 21st Dec Confessions/Exposition/Divine Mercy at 3.15pm at Bedworth.

Sat 21st Dec Mass at 4.00pm at Bedworth.
Sun 22nd Dec Mass at 9.30am at Bulkington.
Sun 22nd Dec Mass at 11.30am at Bedworth.
Mon 23rd Dec Rosary at 7.00pm at Bulkington.
Tue 24th Dec Vigil Mass for Christmas at 4.00pm at Bedworth.
Tue 24th Dec Mass of the Nativity at 8.30pm at Bulkington.
Wed 25th Dec Mass at 10.00am at Bulkington.
Wed 25th Dec Mass at 10.30am at Bedworth.
Thurs 26th Dec Mass at 11.00am at Bulkington.
Fri 27th Dec Mass at 9.30am at Bedworth.
Sat 28th Dec Vigil Mass at 4.00pm at Bedworth. NO EXPOSITION OR CONFESSIONS TODAY.
Sun 29th Dec Feast of the Holy Family. Mass at 9.30am at Bulkington. Mass at 11.30am at Bedworth.
Mon 30th Dec Rosary at 7.00pm at Bulkington.
Tue 31st Dec Mass at 9.30am at Bulkington.
Wed 1st Jan 2020 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass at 11.00am at Bedworth.

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.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES We have recently completed our final packing session for this year and the first consignment of shoe boxes is already on its way to deprived children living in the region of the Danube Delta. The support that we have received from parishioners in Bedworth and Bulkington has helped us to send 2706 boxes from our group based at Stretton on Dunsmore. Our coordinator, Pam Hopwood has asked me to pass on her thanks for all the items for the boxes as well as the financial donations which have made a significant contribution towards transport costs of £6500. It was a lovely surprise to learn from Mrs Culleton that children at St Francis School had also been collecting on our behalf. Thank you to the members of the School Council who helped me to fill the boot and back seat of my car with kind, thoughtful and generous donations from parents and pupils. We are already looking ahead to next year so please remember to save your cracker novelties on Christmas Day. Thank you again for your support. *Margaret Patrick - Shoe Box volunteer.*

God Bless

Fr. Michael

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For Sunday 1st December 2019 **£443.21**
Maintenance Fund **£230.84**
Thank you very much.

100 CLUB (DECEMBER)

1st **38**, 2nd **47**, 3rd **28**. 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.

FOODBANK Thank you for your continued support. Sadly, the need for food banks is growing, not diminishing. We have fed OVER 7000 families since April, over 1000 of them children. So a massive thank you. As well as food we also need toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo etc. Please keep them in your prayers. **THANK YOU.**

READERS ROTA
Sun 8th December - W. Crawley / N. Rice
Sun 15 December - T. Rowe / P. McKee

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART DIARY	
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. 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 1st December 2019 **£379.62**
Maintenance Fund **£214.18**
Thank you very much.

INTENTION CANDLES

Our Lady: Samuel Dixon RIP
Sacred Heart: Rod Huffer RIP

100 CLUB (DECEMBER)

1st **52**, 2nd **38**, 3rd **95**. 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 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 7th December - D. Simmons / M. Ison
Sun 8th December - K. Sugrue / P. 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.