

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



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The Year of the Word - Sunday 15th December 2019 Third Sunday of Advent (A)

What is the identity and mission of Jesus? What is the identity and mission of John the Baptist? Both Jesus and John find their identity and mission in passages from the Scriptures. Meditating God's Word gives Jesus and John enlightenment and encouragement to accomplish that mission, even when it was difficult. After Mass, tea and coffee will be served in the Parish Hall.

Sat 14th Dec	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
Mon 16th	7.00pm	The Rosary.	Bulkington
Tues 17th	9.30am	Special Intention: Archbishop Bernard Longley. Reg Thomas RIP (Crosby).	Bulkington
Wed 18th	9.30am	Maureen Price RIP.	Bedworth
	7.00pm	Penance Service at St Marie's, Rugby	Rugby
Thurs 19th	9.00am	Exposition and Confessions.	Bulkington
	9.30am	Anne Spicer RIP (Anniversary) (Frank). Mary & Jack McCullough RIP (Anniversary) (Family).	Bulkington
	10.00am	Play and Stay Group meet in Parish Hall.	Bedworth
Fri 20th	9.30am	School Mass at St Francis School Hall. Special Intention: Mary Smith. Bernard Ison RIP (Jan).	Bedworth
	7.00pm	Penance Service at Our Lady of the Angels, Nuneaton.	Nuneaton
Sat 21st	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Exposition and Confessions. Martin Jones RIP. Patrick Dillon & Ron Jackson RIP (Anniversary) (Wendy & Con).	Bedworth
Sun 22nd	9.30am	Bill Crawley RIP (Winifred). Christopher McDonald RIP (Birthday) (Family). Harry & Julia Newton RIP (Anniversary) (Abell). Special Intention: Audrey Goode (100th Birthday) (Rita).	Bulkington
	11.30am	Alice & Patricia Culleton (Charlie & Family). Rose & Vera Head RIP (Anniversary) (Eddie).	Bedworth

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Michael McKiernan, Rev Peter Kavanagh, Deacon Bryan Salter, Deacon Henry Atkinson, Mgr Bernard Navin, Rev Fergus O'Connell, Rev Daniel O'Connor, Rev Michael O'Meara, John Whitehurst, Michael Wright, Mary McLlroy, John Batty, Robert Lary, Irene Bird, William Chamberlain, Molly O'Donnell, Jack McCullough, Charlie O'Connor, Anne Spicer, James McLlroy, Daniel Delvin, Rose Young, David Smith, Nancy Feeny, Michael Dickens, Julia Cook, Bernadette Whitehead, Mary McCann, Muriel Rutter, Leo Behan, Nigel Moynihan.

RECENTLY DEAD

Sandra Cameron, David Abell 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.**

SCHOOL NEWS - This week will be our final school week of 2019. As we get ready to break up for Christmas we think back on the whole year and the wonderful opportunities we have been able to give our children. Our term will end on Friday with a Mass, celebrated by Fr Michael, Fr Mathew and a great friend of our school Fr Phillip Newbold, 9.30am in the school hall. Please do come and join us. I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff who give so much to our children. We are truly blessed with a dedicated team of people. On behalf of our entire school family I would like to wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year. *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.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES 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.*

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Many thanks to all who came to our Christmas Bazaar, organised or ran stalls, worked in the kitchen, prepared the Bacon Butties, donated bottles, cakes or other prizes, prepared the Parish Hall or cleaned up afterwards or counted the money and the Tom Copley Singers. A good day was had by all. I am very grateful to you all. A profit of £2056.00 was made which will go towards the refurbishment of the Parish Hall kitchen. Many thanks and well done. All prizes have been claimed, lists are displayed in Church Porch.

UCM We are hosting World Day of Prayer on Friday 6th March at 2.00pm. It has been prepared by the Christian Women of Zimbabwe. All are welcome.

I would like to thank you all for the tremendous response and support of our Bazaar last Saturday. It was a lovely example once again of the Parish working so hard together. It was also lovely for us to join the UCM and over 50s at their Christmas celebrations during this past week. I appreciate very much the work that you do to support the Parish. My diary next week is very full with the Christmas Deanery Meeting, Advent Services at Fr Hudson's, Penance Services and visiting the sick at this time of year. All to prepare for the birth of the Lord. Fr Philip Newbold will be coming to Celebrate our end of term Christmas Mass in School. Thank you to our Holy Spirit MAC, head teachers and all Staff and Committee members for their constant dedication and hard work. My condolences and our prayers go to Mrs Sheila Abell and Family as her son David Abell died during the week. May he rest in peace and all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time. Eternal rest grant unto them of Lord and may their souls rest in peace Amen.

God Bless

Fr. Michael

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART, BULKINGTON

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For Sunday 8th December 2019 **£364.44**
 Poor Parishes **£104.94**
 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 15 December - T. Rowe / P. McKee
 Sun 22nd December - Roy & Beverly Hawkins

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART DIARY

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.

Over 50s Thurs 9th January 2020 2pm-4pm. Archaeology with Danny McAvee.

UCM Wed 22nd January at 7.30pm. AGM.

UCM Jumble Sales on Sat 1st and Sat 29th February at 11.00am in Parish Hall.

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 8th December 2019 **£321.41**
 Poor Parishes **£203.36**
 Thank you very much.

INTENTION CANDLES

Our Lady: Rod Huffer RIP
Sacred Heart: Michael Wright RIP
Divine Mercy: Martin Jones 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 14th December - C. Thompson / M. Brennan
 Sun 15th December - F. Sweet / J. Wooding

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.