

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



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## The Year of the Word - Sunday 22nd December 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

**Taking courage from love. The Gospel relates how Joseph overcame his serious doubts about Mary – and married her! She too had faced her own fears about the future – and said “Yes!” We too can have doubts and lack confidence in the future, but like Mary and Joseph we can take courage from our love for each other and God’s love for us too. After Mass, tea and coffee will be served in the Parish Hall.**

Sat 21st Dec	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 RIP (Charlie & Family). Rose & Vera Head RIP (Anniversary) (Eddie).	Bedworth
Mon 23rd	7.00pm	The Rosary.	Bulkington
Tues 24th	4.00pm	Vigil Mass for Christmas. For the people.	Bedworth
Christmas Eve	8.30pm	Mass of the Nativity. Neil Chesterton RIP (20th Anniversary) (Kate). Peter Robinson RIP (11th Anniversary) (Yvonne).	Bulkington
Wed 25th	10.00am	Ken & Iris Gamble RIP. Mgr Tom Gavin RIP.	Bulkington
Christmas Day	10.30am	Pro Populo.	Bedworth
Thurs 26th	11.00am	Alice Wilkinson RIP (Rowe). Kathleen Teague (Martin).	Bulkington
Fri 27th	9.30am	Alan & Moira Stewart and family (A Christmas gift).	Bedworth
Sat 28th	4.00pm	No Exposition and Confessions. Patricia Culleton RIP (Garratt).	Bedworth
Sun 29th	9.30am	Tom Wood RIP (Kate).	Bulkington
Holy Family	11.30am	Peter & Paula Kennedy RIP (Eileen).	Bedworth
Mon 30th	7.00pm	The Rosary.	Bulkington
Tues 31st	9.30am	Ken Gamble RIP (Tedds).	Bulkington
Wed 1st Jan	11.00am	Frank Mulligan RIP (Gilheaney).	Bedworth

### 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 McInerney, Rev David O'Callaghan, Mary McCullough, Cathy Sammons, Evelyn Arnold, Hilda Emily Ward, Denis Cook, Annie McCarroll, Neil Chesterton, Rose Lary, Ruby Wade, Josie Devey, Alice Culleton, Peter Robinson, Michael Anderson, Phyllis Thompson, Harold Gardner, Jessie Cotterill, Rosemary White, Anne-Louise Healey, John Lappin, Jean Davenport, Sawzi Abu Hamdan.

### RECENTLY DEAD

Fr John P. Dewis, Fr John Ellis, 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](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 St Osburg's on 024 7622 0402.

**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)

**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.

**SCHOOL NEWS** - 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.*

**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.*

**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.

**THE PASTORAL CARE PROJECT** wishes to thank you for supporting our charitable work. Bishop David McGough our Lead Bishop, will offer his Mass for your intentions on 24th December, praying especially for the gift of Peace for those who suffer from dementia, and those who care for them. Download the Christmas card, the newsletter at <https://www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk/events.html>.

*It's that time of year again when I try to find the right words to express my appreciation to the Sisters who have done so much and have taken people to their hearts and it is wonderful to have Fr Mathew with us also. Thank you 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 15th December 2019 **£486.02**

Maintenance Fund **£194.11**

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 22nd December - Roy & Beverly Hawkins

Sun 29th December - Gerry Cullen

**OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART DIARY**

**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 15th December 2019 **£370.37**

Maintenance Fund **£229.82**

Thank you very much.

**INTENTION CANDLES**

**Our Lady:** Amos Oakley

**Sacred Heart:** Rosemond Head

**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 21st December - M. Tutchener / R. Mockford

Sun 22nd December - T. Tedds / A. McGrory

**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.