

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



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The Year of the Word - Sunday 26th January 2020 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

The God who Speaks - God has a stake in our marriage. Today, we see two aspects of God's plan for our marriage: '... (I will make) their joy increase' (Isaiah) and 'I will make you fishers of men' (Matthew). God wants us to make our love for each other as close to Jesus' love for us as possible, that all whose lives we touch might experience how much God loves them. After Mass, tea and coffee will be served in the Parish Hall. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to urgent maintenance inside the church, St Francis of Assisi, Bedworth will remain closed until further notice.**

Sat 25th Jan	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Exposition and Confessions. Palmira Mazzi RIP (Sisters). Jim Hurley RIP (1st Anniversary) (Family).	Bulkington
Sun 26th	9.30am 11.30am	Joe Ganley RIP (Chedlow). Mary Darleston RIP (2nd Anniversary) (Bob). Pro Populo. Baptism during Mass of Halle Saoirse O'Neill.	Bulkington
Mon 27th	7.00pm	The Rosary.	Bulkington
Tues 28th	9.30am	Nora O'Keeffe RIP. Tom Magill (Birthday).	Bulkington
Wed 29th	9.30am	Bernard Ison RIP.	Bulkington
Thurs 30th	9.30am 4.30pm 5.30pm	Fr Pat Farrelly RIP. Special Intention: Joyce Hopkins (Illness) (Alexander). First Holy Communion preparation in Parish Hall. Confirmation preparation in Parish Hall.	Bulkington
	10.00am	Play and Stay Group meet in Parish Hall.	Bedworth
Fri 31st	9.30am	Special Intention: Paul Tubb. Ray Durkin RIP.	Bulkington
Sat 1st Feb	11.00am 3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	UCM Jumble Sale in Parish Hall. Exposition and Confessions. Jim & Bridie Tolan. Special Intention: Paul Tedds (Birthday).	Bulkington
Sun 2nd	9.30am 11.30am	Ann Cummins RIP (Tubb). For all the sick.	Bulkington

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Richard Roche, Rev James Heneghan, Rev Charles Smith, Canon Kevin James Good, Rev Mortimer Loftus, Rev John Berry, Rev David Patrick Joseph Condron, Mgr Michael Williams, Rev Charles Ross, Phylis Golby, Lorna Horsley, Anne Crawley, Doris Cadman, Margaret O'Connor, Joyce Todd, Joseph English, Rosemary Walker, Michael Joseph Ritchie, Bill McDonald, Tony Dott, Elizabeth Eva Howells, John Joseph Cummins, William Horsley, Alf Wildey, Norah Worthington, Robert Busby, Doreen Kenny, Thelma McKeown, Minnie O'Rourke, Brian Cox, Fred Elkington,

RECENTLY DEAD

Connie Boyle, Reita Tedds, Moya Walker, Fr Brian Doolan RIP.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS - Peter Moore, 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, Rebecca Woodward, Natalie Brett, Wendy and Bryn Williams, 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.

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.

UCM We are hosting World Day of Prayer on Friday 6th March 2020 at 2.00pm. It has been prepared by the Christian Women of Zimbabwe. All are welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - BULKINGTON On Tuesday children and parents from the Bulkington group joined with families from St Francis School to learn more about the Sacrament of Reconciliation which they will receive for the first time on March 12th. We were made very welcome and would like to say 'Thank you' for the provision of some helpful resources which parents are encouraged to use with their children at home. This year we have 8 children in the Reconciliation and First Communion group and they will be joined by 3 others who regularly attend Mass in Bulkington for First Communion in May. Our Confirmation group is made up of 5 young people. We are really enjoying working with both groups this year - they are lively (in a good way!) and keen to contribute to discussion during our meetings.

**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 the children have really enjoyed accessing Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart using the parish webcams. We feel very fortunate to have this wonderful service. A really good example of how technology can be used to improve our lives. Our year 6 children who are preparing for Confirmation have begun their Faith in Action Award scheme. This is a national scheme developed by Catholic Youth Ministry Federation to help young people explore their faith in a real and meaningful way. Each time the children completed a parish responsibility they will earn credits towards their award, Youth Club leaders will be awarding credits as part of their role in our parish community. We are incredibly proud of how well Year 6 are preparing for their Confirmation this year!
Charlotte Culleton.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES Earlier this month we attended a feedback meeting following the delivery of Christmas shoe boxes in December 2019 to children living on the Danube Delta. Many of our boxes on this occasion went to children living in orphanages and the film showing their reactions when opening their boxes was heart breaking. (Google T4U and you will be able to see some of the deliveries for yourselves). We have already had another meeting to begin preparations for Christmas 2020. Obviously any and all donations are welcome but we have identified new underwear and socks, notebooks of any size, 15cm/6 inch rulers, combs and toy cars as shortage items this year. If you can help us in any way, please leave donations at the back of church in Bulkington. Thank you for your ongoing support. Thanks also to everyone who helped with finances for transport costs. This year we needed to raise £2765 and managed to achieve this through donations, coffee mornings and other activities.

ST FRANCIS BEDWORTH – AN UPDATE Firstly, can I thank you all for your tremendous support, words of encouragement and Anonymous donations that have so generously been received so far. It will be a major operation in the coming months to get to grips with the enormity of the job in hand and will of course take a lot of money. The church has had to be closed because of the Health and Safety of everyone. The Diocesan Surveyors words to me were “I don’t know where to start”. However the Lord is good and will provide. We have already started moving forward. The cameras went down the drains on Friday and meeting with the Architect is booked for next week. Then we will list the priorities and devise a plan of action! I am determined with your help and support to ensure that St Francis church will be a building “For the Greater Glory of God”. I will take

time but the result will be worth it! I will update you as we go along. Please do support the Masses at Bulkington in order to support the work at St Francis. The times of Masses 4.00pm Saturday, 9.30am and 11.30 am on Sunday. The collections for both 4.00pm Saturday and 11.30am Sunday go back to Bedworth. The Rotas and Children’s Liturgy also transferred are as they would have been for Bedworth. I am hoping from this weekend also to continue with 100 club etc. Let us just pull together to enable great things to happen!

LENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION- SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2020. 9.30AM-3PM LED BY FR JOHN UDRIS STL., (SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR TO OSCOTT COLLEGE) BULKINGTON PARISH HALL. Fr John Udris is a very gifted and talented man, who is a great Authority on St Therese of Lisieux and GK Chesterton. He has written many books on Therese for example “Holy Daring” and is a promoter for the canonisation of GK Chesterton. As a Priest of the Northampton Diocese, he has been a Parish Priest, Vocations Director and now is the Spiritual Director at Oscott College. He gives talks all over the country and we are very fortunate that he can give us a day of recollection here. This day is for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Musicians and anyone who would like to come. We will gather at 9.30 am, please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be provided. A Full programme of the day will be available nearer the time. Please do try to attend. Could I please ask you to sign the sheet at back of church to ascertain numbers because if there is room I would offer an invitation to Our Lady of the Angels. We must the most of this wonderful opportunity. Thank you.
Fr Michael

MOYA WALKER RIP It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Moya Walker RIP who died suddenly last Sunday. Our prayers and thoughts go to her family. Her funeral will be on Friday 14th February here at Bulkington at 9.30 am.

LENT 2020 As this year is focussed on the Word of God and the initiative of “The God who speaks” I would encourage all families to read at least a sentence or verse of Scripture each day. If families would like to purchase a Bible to read at home we can do that for you. Just ask myself or one of the sisters! During the weekdays of Lent there will be one hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament after each of the weekday Masses in both parishes. Please do your best to use this time well to become closer to the Lord in Lent!

MANY THANKS TO JOAN KING After over 22 years of laundering the Altar Linen at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart beautifully, Joan King has reluctantly decided that now is the time to stand down. I would like to thank Joan most sincerely for all the years of dedicated service in this important ministry to our Parish. It is much appreciated. As Joan said to me “It has been both an honour and a privilege to do this for the parish”. May the Lord reward you richly with his blessings for many years to come. A volunteer is needed to continue this important ministry. If you can help, see Fr Michael.

THE UCM PRESENTATION TO THE PARISH At the AGM of the Union of Catholic Mothers last Wednesday I was presented with a cheque for £850.00 for the parish. I would like to thank the Mothers for their most generous donation that will go towards the “New Kitchen” in the Parish Hall. Thank you also for all you do and continue to do for the life of the Parish!

God Bless

Fr. Michael

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For Sunday 19th January 2020 **£431.80**

Maintenance Fund **£179.09**

Thank you very much.

100 CLUB (JANUARY)

1st **49**, 2nd **80**, 3rd **60**. 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.

MENS CARD NIGHT the next Card Night is on Friday 7th February at 8.00pm in Parish Hall. For more information, please see Graham Alexander or call him on 024 7634 6243. All are welcome.

UCM JUMBLE SALE on Saturday 1st February at 11.00am in the Parish Hall. Items of clothing and Bric-a-Brac needed please. We are unable to accept any large items, electrical or videos. Please note that the Parish Hall will be opened on Friday Morning 31st January at 10.30am. Please contact Janet Cooper 024 7631 2478 or any UCM member. Thank you.

READERS ROTA

Sun 26th January - B. Neale / C. Langham

Sun 2nd February - S. Robinson / K. Alexander

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART DIARY

UCM meet in Parish Hall on Wed 5th February at 7.30pm.	First Holy Communion Sunday 17th May 2020 at 9.30am.
Over 50s Thurs 13th February 2020 2pm-4pm. Father John.	Confirmation Sunday 14th June 2020 at 9.30am.
UCM Jumble Sales on Sat 1st and Sat 29th February at 11.00am in Parish Hall.	Summer Fete Sun 5th July at 10.30am in Parish Hall.

ST FRANCIS of ASSISI, BEDWORTH

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For Sunday 19th January 2020 **£251.59**

Pax Christi **£99.07**

Thank you very much.

100 CLUB (JANUARY)

1st **52**, 2nd **22**, 3rd **16**. 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 closed (for now) 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.

CHOIR members are needed to join and sing please when the church reopens.

READERS ROTA

Sat 25th January - J. Richards / P. Oakley

Sun 26th January - P. Jones / K. Sugrue