

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



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The Year of the Word - Sunday 23rd February 2020 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Finding the joy in our sacramental relationship The joy of courting couples is obvious for all to see. Over the years, excitement can lessen, our independent attitudes strengthen; competition and jealousy creep in. Today Jesus calls us to "...turn the other cheek...". In confidence share, in trust listen, in faith forgive, so that our spouse will grow in self-worth and the sparkle of joy will reignite. After Mass, tea and coffee will be served in the Parish Hall. Next weekend there will be a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance. Wednesday 26th February is Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Due to urgent maintenance inside the church, St Francis of Assisi, Bedworth will remain closed until further notice.

Sat 22nd Feb	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Exposition and Confessions. Special Intention: Joyce Hopkins (Oswin & Marie). Special Intention: Anne & Seamus Crowe (Paul & Viv).	Bulkington
Sun 23rd	9.30am 11.30am	Mary Anne Morris RIP. William Michael Balfe RIP (Roe & Wyatt). Peter Dodd RIP (Anniversary) (Cilla).	Bulkington
Mon 24th	11.15am 12.30pm 7.00pm	Funeral of Rosemary McAlvoy RIP. Burial at Marston Lane Cemetery. The Rosary.	Bulkington
Tues 25th	9.30am	Special Intention: Paul Tedds (Birthday).	Bulkington
Wed 26th Ash Wednesday	9.30am 7.00pm	Mass in St Francis School. Pro Populo.	Bulkington
Thurs 27th	9.30am 4.30pm 5.30pm	Ken Gamble RIP. 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 28th	9.30am	Reg Thomas RIP (Garratt).	Bulkington
Sat 29th	11.00am 3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	UCM Jumble Sale in Parish Hall. Exposition and Confessions. Special Intention: Aaron Hill (Walshe).	Bulkington
Sun 1st March	9.30am 11.30am	Eileen Martin RIP (7th Anniversary) (Mike). In Thanksgiving: Maureen Brennan (70th Birthday).	Bulkington

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Michael McCabe, Rev Martin Meagher, Rev John Collins, Rev James Cooney, Bishop Joseph Francis Cleary, Rev Vincent Kennedy, Rev George Brewster, Rev George Henry Tarrant, Rev John Flynn, Peter Dodd, Elsie Little, Ron Thompson, Mary Salvage, Robert O'Donogue, Jenny Richardson, Cecille Stack, Paul Stokes, Ellen Mccarroll, Irene Cooper, Peter Yates, Iris Matts, Carrie Icton, Rex Fallen, Laura Wheatley, Laura Wilkinson, John Avery.

RECENTLY DEAD

Audrey Goode, Patricia O'Donnell, Rosemary McAlvoy RIP.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS - Norman Barr, William Walton, 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.

DEDICATING ENGLAND AGAIN TO THE 'DOWRY OF MARY' Mary's Dowry-England has been known as the 'Dowry of Mary' for up to 1,000 years, going back to the time of St Edward the Confessor (1042-1066), in whose reign the replica of the Holy House of Nazareth was built. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, 1381, King Richard II dedicated England to Mary as 'her dowry.' He went on pilgrimage to Walsingham two years later. And so, for 1,000 years, Walsingham has been the great shrine of prayer and pilgrimage for the people of this country in honour of Our Lady. On 29th March 2020, England will be rededicated as the 'Dowry of Mary.' This will happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish and in as many homes as possible. We prepare for this by praying the Angelus after each Mass and encouraging parishioners to use this prayer in their lives.

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

SCHOOL NEWS Dear All, The children have all enjoyed a half term break this week. Next week we will begin preparing for Lent by celebrating Pancake Day. In exchange for pancakes the children are bringing in cakes. The cakes will be sold on Friday 28th February to raise money for Mary Ann Evans Hospice, in thanks for the support they gave to our caretaker Pete and his family. Pete loved cake so this seems very fitting. We would like to say a huge thank you to Pete's family for our new goal posts which the children are enjoying despite the cold weather! Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated in school on Wednesday 26th February at 9.30 am. Parishioners are very welcome to come along and attend. we look forward to seeing you there. *Charlotte Culleton.*

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC ACADEMY AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE is performing the Easter Story 'BORN FOR THIS' a powerful depiction of the Stations of the Cross held at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, Nuneaton on SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2020 at 7.30PM performed by staff and students of St Thomas More Catholic Academy. Refreshments will be available in the Church Hall before the performance.

ST FRANCIS BEDWORTH – AN UPDATE I am now in a position to update you on the urgent works to be done at St Francis. The professionals both Surveyor and the Architect visited the church on Monday 10th February. The estimate for the work to be done is a colossal figure of around £350,000. I have received a detailed report of works to be carried out. This figure is only an estimate but does include VAT at 20%! The work will take some time to complete as it is so extensive. We certainly need a miracle! On my return from my holiday I will begin discussions with the Diocese on raising the finance and also explore all the options open to us. As a Parish community each parish is responsible for raising its own finance. There is no central fund. However we have to look positively on trying to find a solution. St Francis pray for us!

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*

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! The Walk with me books are available and are free at the back of Church. Please take a copy for yourself and invite a friend to join us in the journey during Lent. We will use them everyday at Mass. During Lent after each weekday Mass there will be an opportunity for one hours silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (Exposition). As it's the year of the "God who Speaks" focus on some scripture each day. Do try to do your best to spend a little time with the Lord during this time. "Prayer can move mountains".

THE SISTERS MISSION SOUTH AFRICA. The sisters have some wonderful pictures from the Mission in South Africa where we are sponsoring 28 children. These picture are available for all to look at. Masses will be said in March in Thanksgiving for all you as benefactors. May God Bless you all. *Fr Michael*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER on Friday 6th March at 10.30am we will be joining women worldwide in celebrating World Day of Prayer at the Baptist Church, Coventry Road, Bedworth. This year it has been prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe. Please join us.

MASS FOR THE SICK If you were unable to get to the Mass for the Sick on Friday 7th February because of frailty and illness. If you would like to be anointed with the sacrament of the sick before Easter please can you let myself or one of the sisters know. The sisters 024 7664 0684. Thank you.

HMP HEWELL CHAPLAIN HMP Hewell seeks a RC Chaplain, which may be a lay person. Please use the following link for the advertised post: <https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-15/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/32278-32278-Roman-Catholic-Ordained-Deacon-Religious-Brother-or-Sister-Lay-Person/en-GB>.

LENTEN LUNCH on Friday 20th March after Mass, Soup and Sweet. All welcome. Tickets available at £5.00 after Mass or contact telephone 02476 317980.

God Bless

Fr. Michael

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART, BULKINGTON

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For Sunday 16th February 2020 **£392.99**

Maintenance Fund **£128.43**

Thank you very much.

100 CLUB (FEBRUARY)

1st **83**, 2nd **67**, 3rd **18**. 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.

UCM Our next Jumble Sale is on 29th February at 11.00am in the Parish Hall. Items of clothing and Bric-a-Brac are needed please. These can brought to the Parish Hall on Friday morning 28th February at 10.30am. Unfortunately we can't accept any large items, videos, CDs or electrical items, thank you. Please contact Janet Cooper or any UCM member.

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.

READERS ROTA

Sun 23rd February - Paul & Pat Tubb

Wed 26th February - The Sisters

Sun 1st March - W. Crawley / N. Rice

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART DIARY

UCM Jumble Sale on Sat 29th February at 11.00am in Parish Hall.

Over 50s Thurs 12th March 2pm-4pm. Ukulele Band

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

Confirmation Sunday 14th June 2020 at 9.30am.

Summer Fete Sun 5th July at 10.30am in Parish Hall.

ST FRANCIS of ASSISI, BEDWORTH

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For Sunday 16th February 2020 **£504.45**

LIFE **£139.47**

Restoration Fund **£400.00**

Thank you very much.

100 CLUB (FEBRUARY)

1st **25**, 2nd **64**, 3rd **17**. 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 22nd February - M. Tutchener / R. Mockford

Sun 23rd February - A. McGrory / K. Sugrue