

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



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## The Year of the Word - Sunday 8th March 2020 Second Sunday of Lent (A)

*Transformed by our love* Sometimes life is hard and we can get lost in the daily grind of making ends meet, of getting things done. Then, suddenly, a change occurs through a simple show of affection: a kiss, a touch, a loving glance from my beloved! In little gestures like these, we reveal again our love for each other and our relationship is transformed! Second collection today for CAFOD Lent Fast Day, envelopes are available in the porch. 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.

<b>Sat 7th March</b>	<b>3.15-3.45pm</b> <b>4.00pm</b>	Exposition and Confessions. Thanksgiving for Benefactors of Sisters Mission in South Africa.	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Sun 8th</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Gladys & Victor Stagg RIP. Thanksgiving for Benefactors of Sisters Mission in South Africa. Monica Cole RIP (Anniversary) (Wendy & Con). Thanksgiving for Benefactors of Sisters Mission in South Africa.	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Mon 9th</b>	7.00pm	The Rosary.	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Tues 10th</b>	9.30am	Special Intention: David Oakley - Bishop elect. Exposition and 1 hour of prayer.	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Wed 11th</b>	9.30am 6.00pm	Lily Jackson RIP (Wendy & Con). Exposition and 1 hour of prayer. Reception of Audrey Goode RIP.	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Thurs 12th</b>	11.00am 6.30pm 10.00am	Funeral Mass of Audrey Goode RIP. Service of Reconciliation for those preparing for First Holy Communion. Play and Stay Group meet in Parish Hall.	<b>Bulkington</b> <b>Bedworth</b>
<b>Fri 13th</b>	9.30am 7.00pm	For the sick and bereaved. Exposition and 1 hour of prayer. Stations of the Cross.	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Sat 14th</b>	<b>3.15-3.45pm</b> <b>4.00pm</b>	Exposition and Confessions. Thomas Patrick Rees RIP (Birthday) (Sheila). Sean Morley RIP (Birthday) (Ann).	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Sun 15th</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Peter Cartwright RIP (Anniversary) (Rita). Philomena Madden RIP (Edith).	<b>Bulkington</b>

### ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Ernest Jarvis, Rev Thomas Fullerton CO, Rev Francis Johnson, Deacon James Rowe, Deacon Philip Prince, Rev Joseph Purcell, Rev Ralph Sheppey-Greene, Rev Christopher Thornton, Rev Connell Harkin, Canon Gerry Hanlon, Canon Raymond Walsh, Rev Vaughan Lloyd, Rev Anthony Sims, Bishop David Cashman, Florence Friswell, Mary Hanninan, Joel McFadden, Joyce Fury, Brian Clohessy, Derek Jones, Edward McCormack, Cecil Dowson, Dorothy Robinson, Richard Legge, Thomas Magill, Tony Conneely, Kathleen Brinkley, Thomas Wheatley, Nora Laverick, Peter Cartwright, Sheila Crowe, Norman Neal, Joe Torri, Patrick Hughes.

### RECENTLY DEAD

Father Bob Wright, Joyce Buggea, Audrey Goode, Patricia O'Donnell 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](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.

**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, Last week I had the opportunity with a member of St Francis ESC (Education Standards Committee) to speak about the Holy Spirit Experience and how offering the experience to every child within our MAC gives them opportunities to learn and grow into the people God truly wants them to be. Staff across the whole MAC work very hard to ensure we can give our children these opportunities. Year 4 led a wonderful assembly and helped the children learn about the great English saint - St Chad the patron of our Diocese. The children are quite rightly proud to be part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The Kenelm Youth Trust provides many developing Faith opportunities for the teenagers and young adults in our diocese. Our young people need to be encouraged to grow in their faith, if you have a teenager or young adult in your family have a look at the Kenelm website <http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk>. For local events [facebook.com/EdgeNandB](https://www.facebook.com/EdgeNandB). *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 you best to spend a little time with the Lord during this time. "Prayer can move mountains".

**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.

**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.

**NUNEATON AND DISTRICT CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP** Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 8th March at 3.00pm in Our Lady of The Angels hall. All are welcome, tea and light refreshments will be provided.

**CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES** We received a number of donations from a warehouse in Leicester that supports local and international charities. On this occasion we have had about 300 bottles of hand sanitisers that are not appropriate for inclusion in the children's boxes. I understand that there is a shortage of this product in pharmacies currently due to the Corona virus. Ours have an expiry date of November 2019 but, I'm sure, are still effective. They will be available for a small donation of 50p each in the parish hall after the 9.30am Mass this Sunday. All monies raised will go towards transport costs for this year's boxes.

**DUE TO COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)**, sensible measures will be taken on advice from the Bishop's Conference of England & Wales for our safety. Removing all Holy water from the Holy Water stoop, wash hands before coming to Mass for at least 20 seconds, Holy Communion given in one kind only-the Host being received only in the hand for the time being, omitting the Sign of Peace for the time being!

**GIFT AID** Gift Aid donors are requested to update our parish Gift Aid Organisers (Penny Harding on 07445 336573 (Bedworth) or Aileen Andrews 024 7638 5344 or Margaret Preedy 024 7635 4557 (Bulkington)) with any changes to their address or tax situation so that accurate records may be kept.

God Bless

*Fr. Michael*

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

For Sunday 1st March 2020 **£404.88**

Cathedral Maintenance **£109.95**

Thank you very much.

**100 CLUB (MARCH)**

1st **60**, 2nd **19**, 3rd **10**. 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 JUMBLE SALE** Many thanks to all who gave and helped at our recent Jumble Sale which raised £281.00 for church funds. Thank you. UCM meet on Wednesday 19th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

**READERS ROTA**

Sun 8th March - T. Rowe / P. McKee

Sun 15th March - Roy & Beverly Hawkins

**OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART DIARY**

**Over 50s Please Note:** the meeting on Thurs 12th March has been **CANCELLED**. Next meeting is on Thurs 9th April, 'You be the Judge' with Harry & Janet Rowe.

**Lenten Lunch** Fri 20th March after Mass.

**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 1st March 2020 **£223.41**

Cathedral Maintenance **£133.56**

Restoration Fund: **90.00**

Thank you very much.

**100 CLUB (MARCH)**

1st **14**, 2nd **66**, 3rd **20**. Bedworth 100 club will be sadly suspended for the time being as people are finding the logistics difficult to cope with collecting the tote etc in the present situation.

**READERS ROTA**

Sat 7th March - J. Wooding / F. Sweet

Sun 8th March - C. Dodd / I. Wooding