

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



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The Year of the Word - Sunday 22nd March 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

Today is Mothering Sunday. We wish all mothers a very Happy Day. IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to urgent maintenance inside the church, St Francis of Assisi, Bedworth will remain closed until further notice. Please read the Diocesan Guidelines below in light of COVID-19 pandemic.

Sat 21st March	10.00am	Lent Day of Recollection (<u>Cancelled until later in the year</u>). Fr Terry Luxon RIP (Anniversary).	Bulkington
Sun 22nd	10.00am	Sidney, Dinah & Allan Howkins RIP (Anniversary) (Terence). Reg Thomas RIP (Birthday) (Margaret). Fr Bob Wright RIP.	Bulkington
Mon 23rd		The Rosary is <u>cancelled</u> until further notice.	Bulkington
Tues 24th	9.30am 10-11am	Arthur & Gertie Treanor RIP (JF). Church is open for Exposition and 1 hour of personal prayer.	Bulkington
Wed 25th	9.30am 10-11am	Special Intention: Theresa Tedds (Birthday) (Paul). Church is open for Exposition and 1 hour of personal prayer.	Bulkington
Thurs 26th	9.30am 10-11am	Edward Gallagher RIP. Church is open for Exposition and 1 hour of personal prayer. First Holy Communion preparation in Parish Hall is <u>postponed</u> until further notice. Confirmation preparation in Parish Hall is <u>postponed</u> until further notice.	Bulkington
		Play and Stay Group in Parish Hall has been <u>cancelled</u> until further notice.	Bedworth
Fri 27th	9.30am 10-11am	Special Intention: Sister Jossy (Feast day). Church is open for Exposition and 1 hour of personal prayer. Stations of the Cross is <u>postponed</u> until further notice.	Bulkington
Sat 28th	10.00am	Bernard Ison RIP (Anthony & Eileen).	Bulkington
Sun 29th	10.00am	Tom Wood RIP (Birthday) (Kate). Cath & Joseph Cashmore RIP (Terence)	Bulkington

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL GUIDELINES - CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY MASS As of Friday 20th March 2020, a major change is that the celebration of Mass will not be public in any setting. Priests will celebrate Mass privately each day. As they do so, the church will remain closed to the public – which includes all parishioners. **NOTE:** our parish webcam is available for the viewing of Mass at home via the Internet at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/our-lady-of-the-sacred-heart-bulkington>. Mass intentions attached to these Masses will be honoured. As priests will only be required to celebrate one Mass each day, some Mass intentions will need to be postponed to a later date. In line with the Bishops' Conference guidance, only priests may be present for the celebration of Mass. As even Deacons are not permitted to be present, I need to emphasise that nobody else may be present for the celebration of Mass. The obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation is removed until further notice. At other times and wherever this is possible, churches should remain open for private prayer. This may include periods of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament but the emphasis must be on private prayer and not gathering the people. The church will be open for Adoration and personal prayer 10-11 am. I ask that there is no Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament since this constitutes a public service. See page 2 overleaf for more information.

ANNIVERSARIES

Archbishop Francis Joseph Grimshaw, Deacon Louis Joseph Livesey, Bishop Humphrey Bright, Rev John Joseph Donnelly, Rev John McManus, Mgr Henry Francis Davis, Mgr Canon John Joseph Welch, Rev Tony Cornish, Arthur Old, Allan Howkins, Patricia Smith, Robert Wagstaff, Agnes Loveitt, Christobel Thuburn, Rose Kennedy, Peggy Gamble, Violet Youens, Rita McDonald, Dorothy Coote, Eugene Craig, Sonny Ganley, Pietro Sangorgi, Margaret Morris, Mary Naughton, Kathleen Webb, Stanley Proctor.

RECENTLY DEAD

Edward Gallagher, Canon Peter Taylor 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, 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 now postponed until further notice, normally 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.

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

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL GUIDELINES (continued)

Baptisms: should be deferred until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can gather safely. In case of necessity, baptisms should be celebrated with all the hygiene precautions that have been laid down by the Church in its COVID-19 advice.

Confession: may be offered on request as long as hygiene and social distancing requirements are observed (eg a physical barrier between the penitent and the priest such as a grille and cloth). The use of Rite II and Rite III of the Rite of Penance is not permitted as this, by necessity, requires the gathering of people in our churches.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion: These celebrations should be postponed until a time that allows for families and friends to gather safely within our churches.

Confirmation: The celebrations of Confirmation should be deferred until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can resume public worship.

Matrimony: If possible, the celebration of the sacrament of Matrimony should be deferred until such time that people can gather in numbers safely. However, if this is not possible and only in the most pressing of circumstances, then those present for the marriage should be restricted to the celebrant, bride and groom and immediate family, and if necessary, the legal Registrar.

Anointing of the Sick: No pastoral visits should be made to people who are self-isolating until the isolation period ends. However, do offer phone support. When anointing the sick, the Oil of the Sick can be applied using a cotton bud which can be burned afterwards (one end for the head and the other for the hands) and the priest extend his hands over the sick person for laying on of hands, without physical contact. This has been confirmed as a valid mode of celebrating the sacraments which involve "laying on of hands." Visits to people in care homes or hospitals should follow advice from the staff on infection control.

Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil: This will be dependent on the forthcoming decisions of the Bishops for the Holy Week ceremonies.

Funerals: There must be great pastoral sensitivity to this issue. The funeral service should take place at the graveside or at a crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the cemetery or crematorium authorities. Arrangements should be made for a Mass to be celebrated in memoriam when congregations are allowed to gather.

MAGNIFICAT ONLINE As there are no public Masses for an indefinite period Magnificat online is allowing free access to enable you to follow the Mass, daily prayers, readings etc at home. Log in at www.magnificat.com/free. For more information from the Publication Magnificat, contact Margaret at the Office (02074483607) or Paul (02074483618) or to order hard copies.

SCHOOL NEWS Dear All, This week our children preparing for First Holy Communion, made their first reconciliation. It was a really beautiful occasion. Sadly now following Public Health England guidelines we are unable to Invite parents, carers and families to

school events. The parish webcams are proving to be a source of inspiration and delight for our children. They are enjoying parish from a safe distance! A huge thank - you to Pound Stretcher in Bedworth for all their help. We have been able to put together food packs for all our families in need - we couldn't have done it without their help!! Thank - you *Charlotte Culleton*.

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.

BORN FOR THIS St Thomas More Catholic Academy & Sixth Form College. In light of the current circumstances surrounding the COVID -19 virus, as a precautionary measure we have postponed the production of 'Born for This' on 28th March and cancelled the Mother's day afternoon tea on 20th March.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES Thank you to everyone who recently contributed to the sale of hand sanitizer. This was donated by a Leicester - based warehouse which supports a variety of charities. The total sum raised is close to £200, which we will use towards transport costs for this year's Christmas shoe boxes.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PREPARATION Following on from the Archbishops' instruction to suspend public acts of worship, including Mass, the Sacramental preparation classes normally held in the Parish Hall on Thursday evening will be postponed until further notice. The Archbishops also make it clear that arrangements for children to receive the Sacraments (in Bulkington currently Sunday May 17th for Communion and Sunday June 14th for Confirmation) may need to be postponed until safe to do so. There is much uncertainty at the moment but we will do our best to keep you up to date with developments.

AN URGENT REQUEST: PLEASE JOIN IN THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO MARY AS HER DOWRY ON SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2020 AT 12.00 NOON In 1381 King Richard II dedicated England to Mary as her Dowry. The Bishops of England have been preparing for the Rededication of England to Mary for some time. It will take place at the National Catholic Shrine, the Basilica of Our Lady in Walsingham at 12 noon on Sunday 29th March (though this will now be done behind closed doors because of coronavirus restrictions). At this worrying time in our history as a nation, under the threat of this pandemic and deprived of the ability to attend Holy Mass because of the health risks, Catholics throughout England are invited to join the Act of Rededication of this country to Mary as her Dowry. Everybody is invited to join in the prayers and to participate in this loving act. You can watch the livestream of the Act of Rededication here: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/> You can learn more about the Rededication and download copies of the prayers at www.Behold2020.com or visit our parish website www.olshweston.org.

God Bless

Fr. Michael

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For Sunday 15th March 2020 **£374.02**

Maintenance Fund **£194.74**

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 Due to the spread of the Coronavirus the UCM have decided to cancel all meetings until September. We resume on Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

READERS ROTA

Sun 22nd March - G. Cullen

Sun 29th March - F. Spicer / P. Short

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART DIARY

Over 50s Meetings have been cancelled until later in the year.

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 15th March 2020 **£255.23**

Maintenance Fund **£200.94**

Restoration Fund: **£200.00**

Thank you very much.

100 CLUB (MARCH)

1st **14**, 2nd **66**, 3rd **20**. Bedworth 100 club is back! Why not join? 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 Maureen Brennan or Mary Smith if you would like to join.

READERS ROTA

Sat 21st March - M. Brennan / C. Thompson

Sun 22nd March - **MOTHERING SUNDAY**