

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



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## The Year of the Word - Sunday 6th September 2020 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church is open for Public Masses - 30 people maximum. FROM 8TH AUGUST 2020 FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES IT IS COMPULSORY TO WEAR A FACE COVERING UNLESS YOU HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION WHERE YOU ARE UNABLE TO WEAR ONE. PLEASE DON'T FEEL EMBARRASSED ABOUT THIS. YOU ARE WELCOME! FOR TRACK AND TRACE PLEASE GIVE OR LEAVE YOU NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER. THANK YOU! Please follow the directions of the voluntary stewards, sanitising your hands both on entry and exit of the church and keeping 2 metres social distance. The Rosary will also be said at 5.00pm at St Francis Church Grotto, Bedworth (outside). Please be mindful of the 2 metres distance. Please note: the weekend Masses will be at the following times, Saturday Vigil Mass at 4.00pm, Sunday Masses at 9.30am and 10.30am in Bulkington.

Sat 5th Sept	3.15 to 3.45pm 4.00pm 5.00pm	Exposition and silent prayer. Mary Edwards RIP (M Burdon). Rosary at St Francis Grotto (outside - weather permitting).	Bulkington
Sun 6th	9.30am 10.30am	Julia & Kevin Matts RIP (Janet). Mathew Patilmakil RIP. Bridie Tolan RIP (4th Anniversary).	Bulkington
Mon 7th		No Mass.	Bulkington
Tues 8th	9.30am 2.45pm	Special Intention: MP. Funeral Service: Philip Patrick RIP (Heart of England Crematorium).	Bulkington
Wed 9th	9.30am	Colin Gamble RIP.	Bulkington
Thurs 10th	9.30am	Deceased Crawley Family RIP (Winifred). Iris & Ken Gamble RIP (Sisters).	Bulkington
Fri 11th	9.30am	Special Intention: Fr Charles Sormany IC.	Bulkington
Sat 12th	3.15 to 3.45pm 4.00pm 5.00pm	Exposition and Silent Prayer. Phil Patrick RIP. Rosary at St Francis Grotto (outside - weather permitting).	Bulkington
Sun 13th	9.30am 10.30am	Terence Short RIP (Norma & Lester). Special Intention: Margaret Smith (Sr Rosemary). Pro Populo.	Bulkington

### ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Anthony (Tony) Taylor, Rev Arthur McCrystal, Mgr Thomas (Tom) Fallon, Rev David Walter Hutt, Rev Dominic Round, Bernadette Heale, Clarence Morris, Pat Gissane, Sr Theresa Spillane, David Johnstone, Rosaleen Gavan, Dora Reay, Maureen Stewart, Maureen Mary Pratt, Mary Jones, Tom Crawley, Olive Wildey, Ellen Wilson, Mary Jones.

### RECENTLY DEAD

Two members of the Stokes family, Derek Smedley, Jean Lawrence, Philip Patrick, Colin Gamble RIP.

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS** - Julie Friel, Fr David Bazen, Paul Tedds, Mary Evans, Brendan Murnin, Theo Reilly, Joshua Gallagher, Fr Michael Stack, Ann Magee, 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, Raymond and Nuala Nash, Tony Pittam, Maria Dixon, Margaret Smith, Sr Mary Veronica, Jane Goodyear, Paul Wooding, Joan McKenna, Pat McKenna.

**GIFT AID / CHURCH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS AND OFFERINGS** AT THIS TIME NO INCOME IS COMING INTO THE PARISH AT ALL. ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE AND RUNNING COSTS STILL HAVE TO BE PAID FOR. MAY I ASK YOU TO EITHER POST YOUR ENVELOPES THROUGH THE PRESBYTERY DOOR OR SAVE YOUR OFFERINGS EACH WEEK. ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN MAKE A STANDING ORDER TO EITHER PARISH. SOME HAVE DONE THIS ALREADY AND I THANK YOU. IF YOU EMAIL ME ([michaelgamble1@btinternet.com](mailto:michaelgamble1@btinternet.com)) I WILL SEND YOU THE PARISH DETAILS SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SET THIS UP EASILY WITH YOUR BANK.

### STEWARDS/CLEANERS

Sat 5th September 2020 (4.00pm): CHECKLING FAMILY

Sun 6th September 2020 (9.30am): RAY SIMMONDS, CHRISTINE TUNICLIFFE, DAPHNE TAYLOR

Sun 6th September 2020 (10.30am): NATALIE SUGRUE, JAYSON DODD, MIKE KELLY

Sat 12th September 2020 (4.00pm): HELENE WILLIAMS, COLIN CHATWIN, MAUREEN BRENNAN

Sun 13th September 2020 (9.30am): BOB DARLESTON, ANGELA SANDERSON, RAY SIMMONDS

Sun 13th September 2020 (10.30am): CHARLOTTE CULLETON, JOSEPHINE CULLETON UNDERWOOD, KATHLEEN CULLETON UNDERWOOD

Without volunteers for stewards, public Masses will not be able to take place as we will be unable to fulfil statutory H&S guidance. Please see Fr Michael or the Sisters if you can help. People over 70 or who are vulnerable are excluded.

**NUNEATON AND DISTRICT CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP** The annual sponsored walk due to take place in Oct 2020 has been cancelled. As a result of this, the workings of the Nuneaton and District Catholic Fellowship will not be adversely affected. We thank you for your support in the past and we hope to resume the walk in 2021.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** The traditional Macmillan Coffee Morning that normally takes place in the parish Hall in September each year is cancelled because of Covid-19. If you wish to donate online, go to <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>.

**RE-OPENING OF OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART FOR MASS - INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARISHIONERS**

We are pleased to announce that Our Lady of the Sacred Heart will re-open its doors for Mass from this Saturday 4th July 2020. During the weeks ahead, Mass will take place at the following times:

Saturdays 4.00pm

Sundays 9.30am and 10.30am

Tues-Fri 9.30am

As you will no doubt expect, we have gone to great lengths to help to ensure the safety of yourselves and other parishioners, and as a result, created a number of measures listed below that we require all parishioners to follow when coming to church to celebrate Mass.

- Please only enter through the main church doors. The side chapel door is not to be used.

- Please do not touch any door handles whilst moving through the building, all doors will be propped open.

- Please do not touch any statues in and around the church.

- When you arrive outside church, please queue using the markers on the floor, this queuing system will maintain social distance.

- You will be greeted at the entrance by a trained volunteer (steward) who will direct you into church when it is your turn.

- A steward will ask you to sanitise your hands and read all of the signs in the foyer.

- The steward will direct you to another steward who will direct you to your seat/s, filling up from the front of the church. Please follow the stewards and their instructions as to where you can sit.

- There will be one person per pew – seated at different ends – please see the signs on the seats

- No standing will be allowed.

- Household groups/bubbles will be permitted to share a pew at the front of the church. Where possible we ask that members of the same household/bubble attend the same Mass in order to maximise the number of people in church.

- When in church, please maintain silence where possible.

- It is very important that parishioners do not move around the church once the steward has shown you to your seats. Please remain seated and do not use the kneelers.

- Please follow the signage and do not touch any statues, door handles etc.

- If children attend Mass, please ensure that they stay seated with you and follow the 'No Touching' rules in place.

- When Mass begins, singing is not permitted although prayer responses are. Hand-shaking is also not permitted during the sign of peace.

- All parishioners must stay seated to receive Holy Communion. The Priest or Sister will move around the church to give Holy Communion. Please receive the host with outstretched arm and on your hand only.

- A collection will take place, we ask that you place your donation on the collection plate when exiting the church. Alternatively, we welcome donations via standing order.

- The stewards will dismiss you at the end of Mass. Please remain silent until you have fully exited church.

- In order to exit church, you will be directed to walk through the main church doors starting from the back pews.

- There will be no lighting of candles permitted.

- There will be no toilet facilities available.

- Please respect the stewards; they are volunteering their time to help the church community and to keep you safe. The church has a reduced capacity due to social distancing regulations. We recommend that you arrive from 15 minutes before Mass to enable the stewards sufficient time to implement health and safety measures. Places in church will be allocated on a first-come-first-served-basis.

- Please maintain a minimum safe distance of 2 metres from others at all times.

- It is not compulsory to wear face coverings for the safety of yourselves and other parishioners as we are still operating the 2m distance rule, but if you wish to wear one, please feel free to do so.

- If you are not working, please come to a weekday Mass to leave space for those who are working to attend Mass at the weekend.

- If you are feeling unwell or have any other symptoms, please stay at

home and rest, following government guidelines.

- Please call the Parish office on 024 7631 2293 if you develop symptoms of Covid-19 after attending Mass and follow government guidelines.

- Please remember, at present the Sunday Obligation has been lifted and any Mass will fulfil your obligation.

- As there are only a limited number of places available, Masses will continue to be live streamed. Anyone attending Mass does so at their own risk.

NB: There will be a MAXIMUM of 30 people per Mass.

***These guidelines and the guidelines for stewards are available on our parish website.***

**CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES** Thank you to everyone who has offered to help with knitting hats, scarves and gloves for this year's Christmas Shoe Box appeal. We still have some of the donated wool left for anyone who is interested. Despite the current restrictions we have managed to pack 1000 boxes so far for boys and girls in the 3 - 14 years age group. This year, more than ever, the children will rely on our support. If you can knit or crochet and would like to have some wool delivered to and collected from your door please call 02476327330 or email [cogs3561@hotmail.com](mailto:cogs3561@hotmail.com). Thanks for your ongoing support.

**BIRMINGHAM JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY 2020 THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY: LISTENING TO THE 'CRY OF THE EARTH AND THE CRY OF THE POOR'**

This year the Assembly will take place ONLINE, with one-hour sessions over three evenings at 7.30pm: Monday 28th September, Wednesday 30th September, Friday 2nd October and culminating with an Evening Prayer with the participation of Archbishop Bernard on Sunday 4th October at 7.00pm. Sessions include: Ecological Conversion – an 'examination of conscience' on our care for our common home; Prepare the Future – building back better to address the climate emergency; and Local Government Responsibilities – planning for the West Midlands. For more information and to book go to <https://bit.ly/JPasssembly2020> or email [bham.jandp@gmail.com](mailto:bham.jandp@gmail.com)

**NUNEATON FOODBANK** Harvest time in Nuneaton has traditionally seen very significant donations from places of worship and schools for which we have been very grateful, and we have had a large number of volunteers helping in the warehouse over the Harvest period. This cannot happen in the current situation. We are being advised to 'quarantine' donations for a few days that have not come in directly from supermarkets, as these items will have been handled a number of times. Unfortunately we do not have sufficient space to do this, and so we are asking that you do not make the traditional Harvest Donations this year. We would like to suggest how you might help us with an 'Alternative Approach to Harvest' this year, by making financial donations to enable us to buy the specific items we run short of, in the differing amounts that we will need over the autumn season. Although we are very well stocked with many items, we continue to need very specific items of food and toiletries, and these items change quite regularly. We have been helped a great deal by donors responding to these 'specific requests' on our 'Shopping Lists' in our updates. On our website [www.nuneaton.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.nuneaton.foodbank.org.uk) we have on the GIVE HELP section, under the DONATE MONEY section – ONE OFF GIFTS – a 'button' which allows you to donate directly to Nuneaton Foodbank.

Thank you to everyone for their consideration and care taken within the Church at Mass for the safety of us all. Also an ongoing Thank you to the stewards for their hard work and dedication that make the opening of Church possible. From this Saturday 5th September we will begin "Silent Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament" from 3.15pm to 3.45pm At this stage there will be NO Confessions as the confessional is too small to cater for "Social Distancing." We will look at Baptisms later on. Also First Holy Communions and Confirmations but these will take a little while to co-ordinate with the limited numbers etc. Please be patient!

**ST FRANCIS CHURCH – BEDWORTH THIS WEEK HAS SEEN AN ADVANCEMENT WITH ST FRANCIS.** Various professionals have visited the church this week to get the ball rolling. Negotiations for the sale of the land over the road is ongoing. Various avenues are being explored but nothing is definite yet. The sale of this land is crucial to move forward. We need to win the lottery! Let us please keep this in our prayers! The Lord is in the detail of it all. The Lord will provide.

***With our Best wishes and prayers,***

***Fr Michael, Fr Mathew and the Sisters.***

## PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANADEMIC

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

*Pope Francis*

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Mary Mother of Jesus  
Help us to reflect on you through this difficult time  
We will listen to you as we do in church lead us through this  
month safely  
Help us all to see our way though help the people who are  
suffering greatly  
Please keep us all together, please help us find strength and  
understanding  
Mary Mother of Jesus we Pray to you  
Amen

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