

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



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The Year of the Word - Sunday 4th October 2020 Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) and the Feast of St Francis of Assisi - the Patron of our Parish

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church is open for Public Masses - 30 INDIVIDUAL people but more if there is a family or individuals from the same household. FROM 28TH AUGUST 2020 FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES ONLY 6 MAX CAN MEET OUTSIDE OF MASS. NOW ONLY 15 PEOPLE FOR WEDDINGS. 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. 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 3rd Oct	3.15 to 3.45pm 4.00pm	Exposition and silent prayer. Paul Le-Guen RIP (T&B Hughes). Paula Kennedy RIP (Anniversary) (Eileen).	Bulkington
Sun 4th	9.30am 10.30am	Albert & Agnes Cooper RIP (Anniversary) (Cooper and Slade). Pro Populo. Michael Craig RIP (Craig).	Bulkington
Mon 5th		No Mass.	Bulkington
Tues 6th	9.30am	Special Intention: Nuala & Raymond Nash & Reg Whitwood RIP (Stewart). Baptism after Mass – Zachary Dunkin.	Bulkington
Wed 7th	9.30am	Sidney, Dinah & Allan Howkins RIP (Terence).	Bulkington
Thurs 8th	9.30am 2.45pm	Eileen Georgina Jordan: Paddy & Maura Jordan: Niall & Brian Jordan: Fr John P Donis RIP (Joe Jordan). Funeral Service of Lillian Bunker at Heart of England Crematorium.	Bulkington
Fri 9th	9.30am	Peter & Paula Kavanagh RIP (Paul & Theresa Tedds).	Bulkington
Sat 10th	3.15 to 3.45pm 4.00pm	Exposition and Silent Prayer. Repose of Michael's soul (James Craig).	Bulkington
Sun 11th	9.30am 10.30am	Pat Fallon RIP (T&B Hughes): Fr Seamus Gilroy RIP (26th Anniversary). Special Intention: Imelda Cleary (Sr Anne Marie).	Bulkington

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Percival Styche, Rev John Bullen, Canon Anthony (Tony) Piercy, Rev Philip Casey, Rev John Fitzpatrick, Rev Thomas Power, Deacon Patrick Selwood, Alyson Stafford, Agnes Cooper, Denis O'Brien, Phyllis McCarroll, Anna Pickard, Ian Riley, Josephine Nora Aldridge, Danny Watkins, Jack Reidy, Peter McDonald, Sr Mary Naughton, Sister Marie SP, Denis Doran, Raymond Plant, Edith Luxon, Peter Wallace, Denis Breslin.

RECENTLY DEAD

Gill Reilly, Lillian Bunker 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, 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) I WILL SEND YOU THE PARISH DETAILS SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SET THIS UP EASILY WITH YOUR BANK.

STEWARDS/CLEANERS

For details, please refer to the rota in the church porch. 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 October 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.

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

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 now compulsory to wear face coverings for the safety of yourselves and other parishioners and we are still operating the 2m distance rule.

- 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. Thanks for your ongoing support.

SCHOOL NEWS Dear all, This week we celebrated our virtual start of the term Mass. A huge thank - you to Fr Mathew for making the Mass so special. This week we have been thinking about the Holy Spirit Experience. The children have once again been shining examples of how we should focus on the positive and give thanks for what we have. Rather than being sad or disappointed about the parts of the Holy Spirit Experience which we are unable to be part of at the moment, due to Covid restrictions, the children have decided to focus on Charities and Social Action, they are forming a committee to help decide which charities we can support this year and how we can best support them. As always the children remember the parish in their prayers. *Charlotte Culleton.*

BULKINGTON 100 CLUB (SEPTEMBER) 1st 20, 2nd 28, 3rd 06. Next Draw is in October. Numbers are available if you would like to join at £2.00 per month. 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.

Firstly may I wish you all a Happy Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi our patron. We remember our School, Mrs Culleton and all the Staff and all the pupils who are part of Our Parish. I have had a lovely time away at my Brother in Taunton. I have been able to recharge the batteries. IT'S ALWAYS LOVELY TO RETURN TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN. A very big Thank You to Fr Mathew for his support of the Masses while I have been away. Also to our lovely Sisters for what they do. I did join you for Mass for a couple of the days. Fr Mathew has a great presence! Although Churches within Mass are not restricted by the new guidelines (30 individuals, more with families living in the same household). However only 15 now can gather at Weddings. Outside of Mass only 6 can gather at Baptisms. Any gathering outside of the Mass is limited to 6 max. We are starting to have Baptisms slowly. We must follow the new Government restrictions of 6 outside of Mass. Also we are beginning to think about the best way to co-ordinate First Holy Communions and Confirmations but these will take a little while with the limited numbers etc. Please be patient! I am liaising with the School to plan the best way forward.

ST FRANCIS CHURCH – BEDWORTH AT LAST WE ARE MOVING FORWARD. THE HEATING SYSTEM FOR THE SISTERS WILL BE INSTALLED ON 14th OCTOBER. OTHER WORKS ARE HOPEFULLY GOING TO BEGIN AROUND THEN SO I AM TOLD. I WILL OF COURSE KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY MORE PROGRESS. PLEASE KEEP THIS IN YOUR PRAYERS. ST FRANCIS PRAY FOR US.

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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