

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



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The Year of the Word - Sunday 15th November 2020 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Please Note: ALL Masses will be STREAMED: DAILY MASSES: TUESDAY– FRIDAY 9.30AM, Saturday MORNING 10.00AM, Sunday 10.00AM.

As you will now be aware, the UK Government announced on Saturday night 31st October, that England will, unfortunately because of the on-going Covid-19 pandemic be going into a further nationwide lockdown from Thursday 5th November. This is what we know so far about the restrictions.

Under the new restrictions:

- People should stay at home except for specific reasons.
- These include work which cannot be done from home, childcare or education, exercise outdoors, medical reasons, essential shopping, providing care for vulnerable people or for volunteering, and visiting members of their support bubble.
- People should avoid all non-essential travel by private or public transport.
- Meeting indoors or in private gardens will not be allowed, but individuals can meet one other person from another household outside in a public place.
- Places of worship will close, unless they are being used for funerals, to broadcast acts of worship, individual prayer, formal childcare, or essential services such as blood donation or food banks.
- Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies will not be able to take place except in exceptional circumstances, and funerals will be limited to a maximum of 30 people.
- Clinically vulnerable people will be asked to be "especially careful", but they are not required to resume shielding.
- Children will still be able to move between homes if their parents are separated.
- Construction sites and manufacturing workplaces can remain open.
- Non-essential retail will close; but can remain open for click-and-collect delivery.
- Pubs, bars, restaurants will have to close, but can still provide takeaway and delivery, excluding takeaway of alcohol.
- Indoor and outdoor leisure facilities, such as gyms and swimming pools, will also close, along with entertainment venues and personal care facilities such as beauty salons.
- Overnight stays, staying in a second home, and holidays will not be allowed - including in the UK and abroad - although there are exceptions, such as work trips.

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| Sat 14th Nov | 10.00am | Special Intention: The Sisters (3 years with us Anniversary). | Bulkington |
| Sun 15th | 10.00am | Maria O'Neill & Anne O'Neill RIP Anniversary. (Andrew O'Neill). | Bulkington |
| Mon 16th | | No Mass. | Bulkington |
| Tues 17th | 9.30am | Thelma Gowenlock RIP. Sr Catherine RIP DSFS. | Bulkington |
| Wed 18th | 12.45pm | Funeral Mass: Peter Oakley RIP (30 Max). | Bulkington |
| Thurs 19th | 9.30am 11.00am 4.30pm | Special Intention: Mary Knowles & Family (Knowles). Holy Souls RIP. Funeral Service of David Lee RIP followed by burial in the Churchyard. Sacramental Preparation via Zoom. | Bulkington |
| Fri 20th | 9.30am | Gerry Higgenbottom RIP. Holy Souls RIP. | Bulkington |
| Sat 21st | 10.00am | Canon Bill Roughan RIP (Birthday) (Sheila Rees). Holy Souls RIP. | Bulkington |
| Sun 22nd | 10.00am | The Deceased Goff Family, Patsy, Mary-Ellen, Noel & Barry RIP (Bracken). | Bulkington |

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Laurence Smith, Rev Thomas Stanislaus O'Connor, Rev William Matthew Boyle, Rev Joseph Ryan, Rev James O'Sullivan, Rev Raymond Jones, Canon Joseph William Dunne, Rev Bernard Boulton, Rev Thomas Havekin, Rev Francis Lockett, Canon Philip Coyne, Archbishop John McIntyre, Rev Gerry Jackson, Alan Ireland, Bridget Craig, Clive Coleman, Valda Hill, Mary Scott, Maisie O'Connor, Patrick Smith, Barney McGuinness, Eileen McCormack.

RECENTLY DEAD

David Lee, Peter Oakley, Jamie Inglis RIP.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS - Yvonne Neale, John, Sean & Tammy Jones. Pete Jobling, Yvonne Neale, Dianah Gillias, Maureen Harrison, Margaret Payne, Carmel, Mr Roe, 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.

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

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 (michaeltgamble1@btinternet.com) I WILL SEND YOU THE PARISH DETAILS SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SET THIS UP EASILY WITH YOUR BANK.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES Despite Covid restrictions that have prevented us from meeting in a group of 12 to prepare and pack shoe boxes this year, we have been working in a socially distanced way, 2 to a room or outside on a driveway when the weather has allowed. Last year we sent 2700 boxes to deprived children in Romania, Belarus and Bosnia and, this year, have already prepared almost 2000. Thank you to all the ladies in Bedworth, Bulkington and Nuneaton who have been knitting beautiful hats, scarves and gloves in the meantime.

BULKINGTON 100 CLUB (OCTOBER) 1st 06, 2nd 38, 3rd 99. Next Draw is in November. 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.

Earlier this year we were preparing for First Holy Communion with a number of children who do not attend Catholic schools as well as a small group of parish children who would normally come to Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. Due to COVID we were forced to cancel our classes in March. We are hoping to resume on Thursday 5th November (4.30 - 5.30pm) using Zoom. All the families have been contacted but we are still waiting for some to confirm their participation. Our preparations should be completed by Christmas and the children will receive First Holy Communion in January in 2 small groups of up to 6 at a time. We have also been in touch with all the local primary schools to inform them that a new group will begin preparations in January. So far, we have received 3 enquiries. If you know of a family with children in Year 3 and above who wish to receive First Holy Communion please pass on the following email and phone contacts - cogs3561@hotmail.com / 07900024385. At lockdown we also had to delay Confirmation preparations and hope that these will resume in the New Year. Thank you for your support.

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS November is traditionally the month when we especially remember our deceased loved ones. There will be a basket at the back of Church for you to place the names of your deceased loved ones in a sealed envelope with “Holy Souls” written on the front of the envelope. We will then transfer these to a basket near the Altar, so that all the names can be included in all of the Masses during November. If you would like to make a donation please put this in a SEPARATE Envelope marked “Donation for The Holy Souls”. On Monday 2nd November “The Commemoration of the Holy Souls” Mass will be at 9.30 am. As well as our usual number allowed at Mass, the Mass will be live streamed so many can join us. I will read out the names of all who have died in the Parish this year and light a candle for all of them. This will replace the Candle-lighting ceremony this year as the Government restrictions will not allow these numbers to come together. As a point of interest our live streaming numbers are working out to be around 847 per day!

SCHOOL NEWS This year has undoubtedly been challenging and we know that many families within the Holy Spirit MAC are experiencing financial challenges like never before. As we begin the countdown to Christmas, we want all families to know that we are still here to offer our support. On 21st December 2020, Holy Spirit MAC staff will be delivering all the ingredients needed to cook up a fantastic family dinner on Christmas Day to any family experiencing financial difficulty. We will also ensure that no child is left without a present on Christmas Day by including an age appropriate gift for every child with the delivery. In addition, we will be delivering a cooked Christmas dinner which will just need reheating to anyone in the community living alone or who is isolated this Christmas. So many of you donated so generously to the Holy Spirit MAC Foodbank appeal during lockdown and this enabled us to provide over 2500 meals and shopping vouchers to families in need. We are now asking for your support, generosity and kindness again as we begin our Christmas appeal. Below is a link to the Holy Spirit MAC Just Giving page which will allow you to make a donation if you feel able. Every donation, no matter how small, can make a difference so please support us if you can https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/holyspiritmacchristmasappeal?utm_term=5NWNb7jr.

With thanks and kindest regards, Mrs Smith, Senior Executive Principal and the staff and children of St Francis Catholic Academy

HELLO EVERYONE I hope that everyone is keeping well. All Masses continue to be “live streamed” at this time. Thank you to those who have joined us. Do continue to give us a wave. If you have any prayer requests please either ring them through to me or email me at michaeltgamble1@btinternet.com. If you would like me to ask for prayers please make this clear so that we comply with GDPR regulations. Please do keep sending your weekly Offerings that can be placed either through the Presbytery door in Bedworth or in Bulkington. The Sisters will make sure I get any Post or Offerings. Alternatively you can make a Direct debit payment by Standing order. If you would like the Bank details please contact me. Zoom sessions for those not in Catholic Schools who are going to receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation begin this week on Thursday at 4.00pm.

ST FRANCIS CHURCH, BEDWORTH - AN UPDATE I have asked for help and a review of the newly proposed levy. Also advice on how to clearly evaluate and get accurate costings of the work that has to be undertaken. The Chief Operations Officer – Mr David Brooks is very much aware of our financial situation and will advise us accordingly. PLEASE KEEP THIS IN YOUR PRAYERS. ST FRANCIS PRAY FOR US.

Do keep safe and well. 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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