

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



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The Year of the Word - Sunday 29th November 2020 First Sunday of Advent (B)

As you will be aware the current lockdown is due to end on the 2nd December. I have now received guidelines that confirm that communal worship will be able to restart from the 2nd December in all Local Restriction Tiers. We are in Tier 3. See below for the relevant information. N.B. Wherever interaction can take place, social distancing of 1m+ should still be strictly maintained between anyone who doesn't live together or are in a 'support bubble'. Singing will not be permitted. Please Note ALL Masses will be live STREAMED. DAILY MASSES: TUESDAY – FRIDAY 9.30AM, Saturday MORNING 10.00AM, Sunday 10.00AM. Public Masses will resume from Wednesday 2nd December. STEWARDS are required.

TIER 3:

- Opening Places of Worship for communal prayer - Open for as many people as can be safely accommodated with social distancing measures.
- Attending Places of Worship for communal prayer - Can only interact with your own household both indoors and outdoors.
- Wedding Ceremonies - Can take place with up to 15 attendees, all of whom can interact.
- Wedding Receptions - Cannot take place.
- Funerals - Can take place with up to 30 attendees, all of whom can interact.
- Commemorative events post-death - Can take place with up to 15 attendees, all of whom can interact.
- Other Standalone Life-Cycle Ceremonies that do not take place as a part of communal worship - Can only interact with your own household both indoors and outdoors.
- Supervised Activities for Children (including Sunday schools, madrassas etc.) - Can take place with no limit on the number of children permitted to attend, following COVID-Secure guidance. Adults must ensure social distancing at all times.

Sat 28th Nov	10.00am 10.30-11.00am	Special Intention: Mick Richards – 90th Birthday (Garratt). Mitch Moore RIP (Nash) Prayerful Exposition.	Bulkington
Sun 29th	10.00am	Special Intention-In Thanksgiving: Faith Haddon (Henry).	Bulkington
Mon 30th		No Mass.	Bulkington
Tues 1st Dec	9.30am	Reg Thomas RIP (Garrett). Ann Ganley RIP Birthday (Chedlow)	Bulkington
Wed 2nd	9.30am	Billy Allen RIP (Tubb).	Bulkington
Thurs 3rd	9.30am 4.30pm	Maria Golaszeska RIP (Tubb). Special Intention: Sadie (Marie) (Tubb). Sacramental Preparation via Zoom.	Bulkington
Fri 4th	9.30am	Ken Gamble RIP (Birthday).	Bulkington
Sat 5th	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Prayerful Exposition. Mary & Robert Emott RIP Wedding Anniversary (Sheila Rees). Sr Rose McHale RIP Anniversary (Pawsey).	Bulkington
Sun 6th	9.30am 10.30am	Mary Ann Morris RIP (Janet). Irene & Eric Fletcher RIP (Dianne & Ray). Molly Doyle RIP (D & J Craig).	Bulkington

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Joseph du Moulin Browne CO, Archbishop Joseph Masterson, Rev Reginald Anwyl, Rev Norman Millard, Rev Peter John Rogers, Archbishop Edward Ilesley, Rev Liam Macfarlane, Herbert Fletcher, Patrick McManus, Barbara Cropka, Theresa Higgins, Gwen Petty, Tom Goode, Angela Reynolds, Angela Betteridge, Ray Gamble, Fergus Grant, Bridget McLroy, Joffre Nash, Margaret McCarthy, Michael Luxon, Irene Fletcher, John Hardwick, Thomas Caines, Mary-Anne Morris, Frank Horsley, Eric Fletcher, Mary Busby.

RECENTLY DEAD

Pete Jobling RIP.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS - Aileen Glynn, Yvonne Neale, John, Sean & Tammy Jones, 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, 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION We are hoping to resume from 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.

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 (michaalgamble1@btinternet.com) I WILL SEND YOU THE PARISH DETAILS SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SET THIS UP EASILY WITH YOUR BANK.

SCHOOL NEWS 2020 has been an unusual year for us all. Lockdown has brought about some changes and some of the changes are definitely for the best. This week the children have reflected upon Christmas cards and how Pope Francis, just like St Francis calls each of us to look after the world we live in, the value the precious natural resources we have and use them wisely. This year the children will reduce waste and reduce Covid transmission risks by sending virtual Christmas cards. We are looking forward to seeing some wonderful designs. As always, the children hold the parish in their prayers. *Charlotte Culleton, Principal, St Francis Catholic Academy.*



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HELLO EVERYONE Firstly Thank you for everyone continuing to join us for the "Live Stream" Masses through the Webcam. It does make a tremendous difference to know that you are watching. I hope that everyone is keeping well. Do continue to give us a wave. If you have any prayer requests please either ring them through to me or email me at michaalgamble1@btinternet.com If you would like me to ask for prayers please make this clear so that we comply with GDPR regulations. From Wednesday 2nd December 2020 we will be able to resume PUBLIC daily Mass for UP TO 30 PEOPLE. JUST LIKE BEFORE STRICT GUIDELINE OF WEARING A FACE COVERING, SANITISING YOUR HANDS AS YOU ENTER AND LEAVE CHURCH AS WELL AS KEEPING A 2 METRE DISTANCE. TRACK AND TRACE AS BEFORE WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED. IF YOU ARE UNWELL FOR ANY REASON PLEASE STAY AT HOME FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS. YOU CAN STILL WATCH MASS THROUGH THE LIVE STREAMING. WE DO NEED MORE VOLUNTEER STEWARDS PARTICULARLY FOR THE WEEKENDS. IF WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH STEWARDS/CLEANERS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AS A STEWARD PLEASE CONTACT ME. 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 continue this week on Thursday at 4.30 pm.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2020 The Walk with Me booklets are available for this year. They are individually wrapped in plastic and are placed in a big Plastic box at the Grotto both in Bedworth and in Bulkington. You are free to collect them. If you wish to leave a donation to help things along that is up to your discretion.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Once again we are doing the Christmas Flowers of Remembrance this year. You are invited to buy a flower or more than one in memory of a loved one / or ones for Christmas. These flowers will be used to decorate the Church and Altar during the Christmas Season. Like at Easter their names will be entered into a memorial book and will be placed on the Altar during the Christmas Masses. For EACH name you are invited to donate a minimum of £3. Place your money in an envelope and write "Christmas Flowers" on the top along with the name of the person or persons wished to be REMEMBERED underneath. Please place this through the Presbytery door OR GIVE TO FR MICHAEL OR THE SISTERS up until the day BEFORE Christmas Eve at the latest! What better way to remember our loved ones at the Altar during this Christmas period?

CHRISTMAS MASSES We will have to have a booking system for the Christmas Masses by a system called "EVENTBRITE". I can't see any other way to do this. If you haven't got access to a computer someone else can book on your behalf. We will have four Masses hopefully, 2 on Christmas Eve and 2 on Christmas Day. I will announce the times and more details nearer the time when we know where we are with the present lockdown! Lets keep it all in the prayers please. We must keep going and NOT GIVE UP!

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. THINGS ARE NOW BEGINNING TO MOVE FORWARD. TWO NEW PUMPS ARE ABOUT TO BE FITTED IN THE CELLAR (ONE FOR BACK UP) TO MAKE SURE THAT ANY WATER IS CONSTANTLY PUMPED OUT AND TO KEEP IT DRY. THE FRENCH DRAINAGE SYSTEM IS GOING TO BE UNDERTAKEN AS WELL AS A PERMANENT PUMP TO BE PLACED IN THE OLD SOFT WATER TANK. PLEASE KEEP THIS IN YOUR PRAYERS. ST FRANCIS PRAY FOR US.

PETER OAKLEY RIP Following the sudden death of Peter, Barbara and family would like to extend thanks to everyone for Mass cards, condolence cards, phone calls and prayers offered for the repose of Peter's soul. It has been very comforting to know so many people took time to get in touch at this sad time. Also thank you to everyone who has contributed to the fund set up by J.E. Hackett in memory of Peter. Donations will be sent to Bedworth Food Bank when the fund closes.

BULKINGTON 100 CLUB (NOVEMBER) 1st 31, 2nd 26, 3rd 76. Next Draw is in December. 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.

OUR ADVENT APPEAL DAUGHTERS OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES-KAKAMUS (SOUTH AFRICA) I have agreed with Fr Thomas Varghese, Missionaries of St Francis de Sales that in conjunction with the Daughters of St Francis de Sales we would support each year 5 orphan children in their Orphanage Mission from each parish, (10 in total) at the cost of £120.00 per child per year. Total cost £600 per parish per year as a way of our Mission outreach. If anyone wishes to Sponsor a child personally at £120.00 per child per year please let me or the Sisters know. The donations go straight to their mission through our Sisters. Every penny reaches them. Cheques should be made payable to (The Daughters of St Francis de Sales).

**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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