

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



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The Year of the Word - Sunday 6th December 2020 Second Sunday of Advent (B)

As you will be aware the current lockdown will 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 4.00PM, Sunday 9.30AM and 10.30AM. 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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Christmas Eve (Vigil Mass) at 2.00pm <https://2pmvigilmass.eventbrite.com>

Christmas Eve (Vigil Mass) at 4.00pm <https://4pmvigilmass.eventbrite.com>

Christmas Eve Syro Malabar Community (Fr Mathew's Community only) at 5.00pm <https://syromalabarchristmaseve5pm.eventbrite.com/>

Christmas Eve 'Midnight Mass' at 8.00pm <https://8pmmidnightmass.eventbrite.com>

Christmas Day Mass at 9.30am <https://9-30christmasday.eventbrite.com>

Christmas Day Mass at 10.30am <https://10-30amchristmasdaymass.eventbrite.com>

It is ESSENTIAL to book a place for Mass over Christmas as so many people will want to attend but due to Covid it is not possible for all to attend. We are using a booking site called Eventbrite in order for you to book 'tickets' for Mass. Think about which Mass you would like to attend and **look on the parish website from Monday 7th December**. There will be links to Eventbrite – one link for each different Mass. Click on the link, book the number of tickets you need. IMPORTANT- if MORE THAN TWO PEOPLE PER FAMILY are attending Mass, TWO tickets need to be booked (i.e. a whole pew) in order to maintain safe social distancing.

Sat 5th Dec	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
Mon 7th		No Mass.	Bulkington
Tues 8th	9.30am	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Howard Rowe RIP 20th Anniversary and Peter Chilton (Theresa Rowe). Deceased Norton & Nash Families.	Bulkington
Wed 9th	9.30am	Peter Oakley RIP.	Bulkington
Thurs 10th	9.30am 11.00am 4.30pm	David Abell RIP 1st Anniversary (Sheila). Harry Hearst RIP (Carmel Rowe). Funeral Service of Peter Jobling RIP at the Heart of England Crematorium (30 only). Sacramental Preparation via Zoom.	Bulkington
Fri 11th	9.30am	Peter Jobling RIP (Loret).	Bulkington
Sat 12th	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Prayerful Exposition. Celebrants' Intentions.	Bulkington
Sun 13th	9.30am 10.30am	David Abell RIP (Sheila). Jim & Audrey Bonsor Anniversary (Liz).	Bulkington

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Horace Relph, Rev Michael George Knight, Rev William Warner, Rev Anthony Kane, Rev George Rafferty, Rev Thomas McMorrow, Rev Jerome O'Flynn, Rev Hugh Molloy, Canon Joseph Walsh, Rev Vincent Lucas, Mgr Canon Francis Harold Drinkwater, Rev George Gallacher, Rev William Henry Browne, John Martin, Sr Rose McHale, Dermot Folan, Eugene McCarthy, Howard Rowe, Tommy Storey, Della Bowen, Peter Chilton, Joyce Goodhead, Colin Anderson, Paul Reidy, Herbert Horsley, Eva Middleton, Kevin Matts, David Abell, Sandra Cameron,

RECENTLY DEAD

Patrick Rafferty, Pete Jobling RIP.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.

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.



Help raise £6500 to provide Christmas dinner for families experiencing financial difficulty.

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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.*

CHRISTMAS MASSES We will now 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. THE SYSTEM WILL BE LIVE ON MONDAY 7th DECEMBER. YOU MUST BOOK A PLACE FOR THE MASS THAT YOU WISH TO ATTEND. YOU WILL SADLY NOT BE ADMITTED IF YOU DON'T BOOK A PLACE. I AM SAD THAT WE HAVE TO DO THIS BUT I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE. PLEASE COME TO ONLY ONE MASS OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD. THANK YOU. We must keep going and NOT GIVE UP!

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT FOR THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE NO FACILITY FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO LEAVE CHRISTMAS CARDS ANYWHERE IN CHURCH FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO COLLECT. ALL CARDS LEFT BEHIND IN CHURCH WILL BE DESTROYED AS PART OF THE CLEANSING PROCESS OF THE CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING. FR MICHAEL.

HELLO EVERYONE We are now open for Daily Mass for up to 30 PEOPLE. JUST LIKE BEFORE STRICT GUIDELINES 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 BE ALSO 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. 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. WE ALWAYS 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 take place 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?

ST FRANCIS CHURCH, BEDWORTH - AN UPDATE The work on the Drainage system will begin on 16th December. We are now moving forward. PLEASE KEEP THIS IN YOUR PRAYERS. ST FRANCIS PRAY FOR US.

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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