

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



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The Year of the Word - Sunday 20th December 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

Thank you for booking places for the Masses. For those who wish to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas day ONLY you will need to book a place and have your booking confirmation available to show the stewards. You have been allocated a seat and you will be shown to it. This is to ensure safe social distancing. It is mandatory for you to wear a face covering. Sadly if you have not booked for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day you not be able to attend. All Christmas Masses will be "Live Streamed". Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell for any reason. After the Christmas Masses, from 26th December you will NOT need to book. Masses during the Christmas period will be at 10.00am each day from Tuesday 29th December until 2nd January 2021. Thank you. On Sunday we will have a special blessing at the end of Mass for the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus for the Crib). All at home can receive the Blessing through the Webcam. We will bless our own figure for our Church Crib.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

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

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

Christmas Eve Syro Malabar Community (Fr Mathew's Community only) at 5.30pm <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>

Sat 19th Dec	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Prayerful Exposition. Anne Patricia Spicer RIP (Frank). Martin Jones RIP – Birthday (Gill). Frank Bracken RIP – Month's Mind.	Bulkington
Sun 20th	9.30am 10.30am 3.00pm	Bill Crawley (Birthday) (Winifred). Nigel Moynihan RIP 2nd Anniversary (Sheila & Anne Marie). For the People of the Parish. VIRTUAL CAROL SERVICE (LIVE STREAMED).	Bulkington
Mon 21st		No Mass.	Bulkington
Tues 22nd	9.30am	Alice & Patricia Culleton RIP (Anniversary) (Charlie & Family). Mary & Jack McCullough RIP (Anniversary) (Loret & Family).	Bulkington
Wed 23rd	2.00pm	NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY. FUNERAL MASS OF PATRICK RAFFERTY RIP (FAMILY ONLY 30 MAX) FOLLOWED BY CREMATION AT THE HEART OF ENGLAND CREMATORIUM AT 3.30PM.	Bulkington
Thurs 24th Christmas Eve	2.00pm 4.00pm 5.30pm 8.00pm	Vigil Mass – For the People of the Parish. Vigil Mass – Peter Robinson RIP. Syro Malabar Rite – Fr Mathews Community only. Mass of Midnight: Neil Chesterton RIP (21st Anniversary) & Josie Devey RIP.	Bulkington
Fri 25th Christmas Day	9.30am 10.30am	Iris & Ken Gamble & Mgr Tom Gavin RIP. Syro Malabar Rite – Fr Mathews Community only.	Bulkington
Sat 26th St Stephen	10.00am	Tom & Glenys Magill RIP (Rowe) & For the Intentions of the Altar Servers, Sacristans, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians and Choir, Cleaners and Stewards and all who contribute to the Life of the Parishes. No 4.00pm Vigil Mass today.	Bulkington
Sun 27th Holy Family	9.30am 10.30am	Harry & Julia Newton RIP (Sheila Abel). For Families & Family Life.	Bulkington

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Edmund Motherway, Mgr Canon William Flint, Rev Patrick Wall, Rev Anthony Ireland, Bishop Francis Thomas, Mgr Canon Thomas Gavin, Rev Thomas N. Meagher, Rev Denis Murphy, Mgr Patrick O'Mahony, Rev Colum McCabe, Rev James (Seamus) McInerney, James McLroy, Daniel Devlin, Rose Young, David Smith, Nancy Feeney, Michael Dickens, Julia Cook, Bernadette Whitehead, Mary McCann, Muriel Rutter, Leo Patrick Behan, Nigel Moynihan, Mary McCullough, Cathy Sammons, Evelyn Arnold, Hilda Emily Ward, Denis Cook, Annie McCarroll, Neil Chesterton, Sr Sabina Staff, Rose Lary, Ruby Wade, Josie Devey, Alice Culleton, Peter Robinson, Michael Anderson, Phyllis Thompson, Harold Gardner, Jessie Cotterill.

RECENTLY DEAD

Matt Ruddell, Patrick Rafferty 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.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS This year we have celebrated Advent and prepared for Christmas in a very different way. One amazing thing we have had the privilege to be part of is the MAC Just giving appeal. Over £8,500 has been raised to ensure every family and parishioner experiencing financial difficulty this year can celebrate the birth of Jesus with a Christmas meal. Thank - you for your great generosity, our parishes have supported this cause in a wonderfully generous way! Tomorrow staff across the MAC will begin packing and delivering over 1,000 meals. We will be starting our Christmas break by truly keeping Christ at the centre of everything we do. We wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas! The Staff and children of St Francis. *Charlotte Culleton, Principal, St Francis Catholic Academy.*

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.

As the Feast of Christmas, the Birth of Jesus comes upon us. I, together with Fr Mathew and the Sisters would like to wish you, your families and your loved ones all the blessings of Christmas and a much brighter 2021! Don't forget to watch our Virtual Carol Service on Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm via the WEBCAM! I would like to thank you for your wonderful support of the Christmas Flowers Book of Remembrance raising over £900! Thank you. I will read a page of the book every day starting after the Christmas Masses. Thank you also to St Francis School, Mrs Culleton and all her staff for all their hard work during the term. Thank you also to all the children and for those who took part in our Christmas card competition. You can see the one we used and all the entries on the Website. Thank you also to all the Staff of all our Schools in the Holy Spirit MAC in our area for all their support. Enjoy your holidays.

OUR NEW CRIB AND THE CHURCH DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS Thank you to Andrew Alexander for making the new Crib for us, it is really lovely. Thank you to all those who have prepared the Church to look so beautiful for Christmas, with all the flowers etc. As we look at the beautiful displays we are reminded that each flower is in remembrance of someone special to us. May they all Rest in Peace. Amen.

THE DAUGHTER OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES MISSION APPEAL Sr Mary Jane and Sr Beena would like to thank you specially and most sincerely for the generous response received to their appeal of sponsoring a child in their orphanage and Mission for £120.00 per year. 38 children have now been sponsored including the 10 that both parishes sponsors. The sisters are very thankful and will get a Mass offered in Thanksgiving for all your intentions. **Dear Father Michael and the Parishioners,** Cordial greetings from the sisters of DSFS, Kakamas. We take this opportunity to thank you and each one of you for the generosity and kindness you showed for these our children. Here we are safe so far and all our students. Wishing you a Very joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year! DSFS Kakamas. See Parish website for the pictures.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS At this time of year your Christmas offerings go to the Parish Clergy. Thank you in anticipation for your usual generosity.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS 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.

GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS 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 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 DUTIES PLEASE CONTACT ME.**

ACT NOW AND ASK YOUR MP TO OPPOSE INTRODUCING ASSISTED SUICIDE The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands. Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link: <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 20TH DECEMBER 2020 AT THE END OF MASS I WILL BLESS ALL THE BABY JESUS FIGURES FOR YOUR CRIBS AT HOME JUST AS THE POPE DOES IN ROME. THIS WILL ALSO BE ENJOYED BY THOSE WATCHING THROUGH THE WEBCAM AT HOME WHO CAN ALSO HAVE THEIR FIGURES BLESSED VIRTUALLY.

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ST FRANCIS CHURCH, BEDWORTH—AN UPDATE This WEEK work on the Drainage system was completed on 16th December. So much work has still to be done before we can open but we are getting there. We are now moving forward. PLEASE KEEP ST FRANCIS IN YOUR PRAYERS. ST FRANCIS PRAY FOR US.

BULKINGTON 100 CLUB (DECEMBER) 1st 25, 2nd 05, 3rd 88. Next Draw is in January. 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 to everyone for supporting the 100 Club.**

MISSIO RED BOXES The total collected from the red boxes and direct donations to Missio for the year is £1477.68 plus £110.76 in gift aid. The direct donations may increase because some donations may not have been advised to the local secretary. This total is a great result considering the effect the covid-19 has had in preventing close contact. Many thanks to promoters; Mesdames Andrews, Beddows, Fletcher, Langham, Lennon, Liddle, Waddoups and Waring, and Messieurs Alexander, Neale and Ryan for all their hard work and to individual boxholders whose contributions have made this total possible.

Do keep safe and Well, With our best wishes, Blessings and prayers at this Christmas time for you, your families and your loved ones. Happy Christmas and God Bless you all.

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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