

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



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Sunday 28th February 2021 Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Please Note: ALL Masses will be LIVE STREAMED: DAILY MASSES: TUESDAY – FRIDAY 9.30am, SATURDAY 4.00pm, SUNDAY 9.30am and 10.30am. NATIONAL LOCKDOWN: STAY AT HOME Coronavirus cases are rising rapidly across the country. These provisions begin on 5th January 2021. Communal worship and life events - You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship, a funeral or event related to a death, a burial ground or a remembrance garden, or to attend a wedding ceremony. You should follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship. Weddings, funerals and religious, belief-based or commemorative events linked to someone's death are all subject to limits on the numbers that can attend, and weddings and civil ceremonies may only take place in exceptional circumstances. All Masses will be "Live Streamed". Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell for any reason. Following the meeting of the Coronavirus Places of Worship Task Force there have been some clarifications, particularly regarding safety and opening of churches. See our website Our Lady of the Sacred Heart & St Francis of Assisi (www.olshweston.org)

Sat 27th Feb	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BEFORE MASS. Chris Duncan RIP (Maureen). Special Intention: Ian Miley (Sick).	Bulkington
Sun 28th	9.30am 10.30am	Special Intention: Roy & Janet Cooper (Diamond Wedding). Special Intention: Madeleine Bradley (Birthday). Pro Populo.	Bulkington
Mon 1st Mar		No Mass.	Bulkington
Tues 2nd	9.30am	Eileen Martin RIP (8th Anniversary) (Mike). Special Intention: Joan King (Angela).	Bulkington
Wed 3rd	9.30am	Gladys Stagg RIP (Anniversary).	Bulkington
Thurs 4th	10.00am	NO PUBLIC MASS. Funeral Mass (30 Max) for Don Adams RIP.	Bulkington
Fri 5th	9.30am	World Day of Prayer Fr Bob Wright RIP (1st Anniversary). Ursula Pearson RIP. Stations of the Cross After Mass.	Bulkington
Sat 6th	4.00pm	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BEFORE MASS. Sr Suma RIP (Sisters).	Bulkington
Sun 7th	9.30am 10.30am	Fr Terry Luxon RIP (23rd Anniversary). Malcolm Miller RIP (10th Anniversary). Pro Populo.	Bulkington

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev John Flynn, Bishop Kevin Dunn, Rev William Diver, Rev Denis McGuinness, Rev Denis Murphy, Rev Douglas Carter, Rev John Pinkman, Rev Robert Wright, Canon Peter Taylor, Laura Wheatley, Laura Wilkinson, John Avery, Patrick McGonagle, William Humphries, Jill Cooper, Michael McGonagle, Fred Reay, Eileen Martin, Harry Davenport, Gladys Stagg, Florence Parsons, Anne Hastings, Maggie Calvert, Doris Purvis, Gerald Leatham, William Laverick, George Hall, Bernard Cullen, Sr Ann Speer, William Hart.

RECENTLY DEAD

Fr Ollie Kemp, Don Adams, Glynn Atkins, Pat Godwin RIP.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS - Sue Atkins, Natalie Sugrue, Aileen Glynn, Yvonne Neale, John, Sean & Tammy Jones, Dianah Gillias, Maureen Harrison, 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 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.

Lent Walk with Me booklets are available this weekend at the Grotto in both Bulkington and Bedworth. Donations welcome but please put them through the door of the presbytery. Thank you.

ACT NOW AND STOP 'DIY' ABORTIONS BEING MADE PERMANENT As you are likely already aware, the UK Government has temporarily allowed home abortions. Since home abortions were temporarily allowed, as has been reported extensively in the media, a number of significant problems have put the lives and health of many women in danger. The UK Government has launched a consultation on whether to make permanent the current temporary arrangement allowing 'DIY' home abortions. The consequences of this measure would be devastating to the care and protection of both unborn babies and their mothers. It is vital that as many people as possible take part to ensure the voices of the most vulnerable are heard. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission.. If you would like to take part and make a submission to this consultation before it closes at 11:59pm on 26 February 2021, you can do so by visiting the link below. It only takes 2 minutes! <https://righttolife.org.uk/ukconsultation>.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Please do keep sending your weekly Offerings that can be placed either through the Presbytery door in Bedworth or in Bulkington. **WE ONLY NEED THE LATEST DATED ENVELOPE WITH COLLECTION IN. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SENDING EMPTY ENVELOPES. PLEASE CAN I ASK YOU NOT TO DO THIS. THANK YOU.** 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.

SCHOOL NEWS Dear all, it was really lovely to welcome the children back to virtual learning and to welcome the critical worker children back to site this week. We have begun our Lenten journey together. This week we have thought about giving alms and how we can support Fr Hudson's Care. Our prayer focus has been two-fold, how can we use our prayers to help others and how can we use prayer to reflect upon our own lives and say sorry for the time we have gone wrong. By doing this we can grow closer to Jesus this Lent. We have a beautiful examination of conscience which we use each week, Mrs Sedgley has recorded the examination to help us in our reflections, please google the following link to find our more: https://welearn365-my.sharepoint.com/:u:/p/sedgley_j/ERfxz3BbnkAluE1zDhFHSwBbv1YfO0wzFYOhvzniFG6Gw. As always the children and staff hold the parish in their prayers.

ST FRANCIS CHURCH, BEDWORTH - AN UPDATE This week, the pumps for the cellar have now been fitted. Hooray! There is a substantial leak in the roof at the back of the Church by the new Confessional. This is a serious NEW CONCERN. The roof we think is still under guarantee so we are trying get this sorted **WE ARE CONTINUING TO MOVE FORWARD.** For Easter to have a little bit of St Francis Church with us here, I am going to have the Paschal candle brought up from Bedworth so that we use it for Easter. I have to be honest with you. I think it is going to be a while before we will be ready to open the Church. I am determined to get everything done and as quickly as possible in these times. Thank you for your continued generosity to St Francis. **PLEASE KEEP ST FRANCIS IN YOUR PRAYERS. ST FRANCIS PRAY FOR US.**

BULKINGTON 100 CLUB (FEBRUARY 2021) 1st 102, 2nd 08, 3rd 95. Next Draw is in February. 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 at this difficult time.**

GIFT AID Gift Aid donors are requested to update our parish Gift Aid Organisers (Penny Harding on 07445 336573 (Bedworth) or Aileen Andrews 024 7638 5344 or Margaret Preedy 024 7635 4557 (Bulkington) with any changes to their address or tax situation so that accurate records may be kept.

Friday 5th March is the **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**. The theme is 'Build on a Strong Foundation.' This year the World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the Christian Women of Vanuatu. Vanuatu is a cluster of islands in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, they stretch for about 400 Miles.

EASTER FLOWERS Just to give you pre warning that you will be

able to sponsor a flower for Easter as usual as we did for Christmas. I have received some names already. Thank you.

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email. Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

HEAVEN'S ROAD CATHOLIC ONLINE RADIO www.heavensroadfm.com is an online radio broadcasting features like prayers, interviews and music to appeal to a Catholic audience – they also have many podcasts and broadcast over 40 daily live Masses from 15 churches in England and Ireland from their website www.heavensroadfm.com.

LENT We continue with the journey of Lent together. We will use the Walk with Me booklets during Lent. These are available at the Grotto of each parish, individually wrapped and placed in a plastic box. Please do not leave your donations there in the box but put them through either Presbytery door for safety. Thank you for your generosity so far. Stations of the Cross will take place at the end of Mass on each Friday morning. You can also join through the "Live Streaming at home". This Thursday, there is no Public Mass as we have the Funeral of Don Adams RIP. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**Do keep safe and Well, With our best wishes,
Fr Michael, Fr Mathew and the Sisters.**

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis:

- **Fast** from hurting words and say kind words.
- **Fast** from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- **Fast** from anger and be filled with patience.
- **Fast** from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- **Fast** from worries and have trust in God.
- **Fast** from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- **Fast** from pressures and be prayerful.
- **Fast** from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- **Fast** from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- **Fast** from grudges and be reconciled.
- **Fast** from words and be silent so you can listen.

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