

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



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Sunday 18th July 2021 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

DUE TO URGENT STRUCTURAL WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN AT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI BEDWORTH ALL MASSES AND CEREMONIES WILL TAKE PLACE IN BULKINGTON UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. ALL Masses will be LIVE STREAMED: Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell for any reason. See our website Our Lady of the Sacred Heart & St Francis of Assisi (www.olshweston.org) for full details of the advice effective Monday 19th July.

Sat 17th July	3.15-3.45 pm 4.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. David Williams RIP (3rd Anniversary) (Helene). Special Intention: Josie Hussey (Birthday).	Bulkington
Sun 18th	9.30am 10.30am	Ada Annie Gamble RIP (Birthday). Special Intention: Joan Richards (Birthday). Special Intention: Maggie Day (Birthday).	Bulkington
Mon 19th		No Mass.	Bulkington
Tues 20th	9.30am	Robert Dent RIP (Alexander). Baptism during Mass – Esme Anna Lee.	Bulkington
Wed 21st	9.30am	Special Intention: Christine Dent (Alexander). Special Intention: Joan Richards (Birthday) (Garratt).	Bulkington
Thurs 22nd	9.30am	Special Intention: Sr Mary Jane (Bede Village). Baptism during Mass – Liliana Chamela.	Bulkington
Fri 23rd	9.30am	Sr Brigid Breen RIP. Sadie Doel RIP (Family).	Bulkington
Sat 24th	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Thomas Patrick Rees RIP (Sheila).	Bulkington
Sun 25th	9.30am 10.30am 11.30am	In Thanksgiving – Fr Mathew. Colin Thomas Moore RIP (3rd Anniversary) (Francesca). In Thanksgiving – Fr Mathew. Baptism – Remi Rose Kimberely.	Bulkington

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Liam Peter O'Connor, Rev Thomas Rock, Canon Laurence Kelly, Rev Albert Leo Kelly, Mgr Peter Joseph Ryall, Rev Anthony Owen, Rev Dan O'Connor, George Starkey, Eileen Luxon, Peggy Monaghan, Lawery Rock, Phillip John Haddon, Daisy Batty, Kathleen Audrey Bonsor, Elizabeth (Betty) Shortland, Delia John, Kenneth Brennan, Anne Leatham, Martin John Harrington, Peter Azopandi, Doris Camenzuli, David John Gamble, Kathleen Talbot, Olive O'Brien, Liam Magee, Jack Icton, Jeannie Bruce.

RECENTLY DEAD

Fr John Burns, Clare Clarke RIP

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS - Gillian Ainsley, Graham Sheen, Richard Beardsley and Julie Wastie-Beardsley, Natalie Sugrue, Aileen Glynn, Yvonne Neale, Dianah Gillias, Carmel, Mr Roe, Julie Friel, Paul Tedds, Mary Evans, 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, 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, Paul Wooding, Pat McKenna.

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.

Bulkington 100 CLUB (June 2021) 1st 25, 2nd 37, 3rd 17. Next Draw is in July. 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.

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.

STATEMENT FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ENGLAND
Sunday – it is our Day. On 19th July, the current legislative powers which assist the mitigations against the covid-19 virus transmission will be rescinded by HM Government. Nevertheless, there will be an encouragement to personal and corporate responsibility in this area; as the Prime Minister said in his most recent statement “The pandemic is not over.” Even without this legislation in place, the Church in England and Wales will be adopting a cautious approach to capacity and activity within our buildings, especially at corporate acts of worship. We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God. It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church. In April, following our Plenary Assembly, we offered a reflection on the experience of the extraordinary long months of the pandemic. It was titled The Day of the Lord. We also began to look at the way forward. We spoke about the important invitation to restore the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives. We asked for a rekindling in our hearts of a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, as our response to the total, sacrificial love that Jesus has for us. We said: “The Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives.” May this continue to be our striving during these coming months as we journey back to the full celebration of our Sunday Mass and our renewed observance of The Day of the Lord.

For the time being and the immediate future I would ask that you still Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving Church. If you wish to continue to use a face mask you will be free to do so. Communion will continue to be brought to you for the moment (under one kind) to be received on the hand. Track and trace until otherwise notified will continue and cleansing of the church will still take place after each Mass etc. We will carry on as we have been for the time being. Once again, a very big “Thank you” to the stewards for all their help.

Thank you to Ray for spending time on Thursday cleaning and hoovering the church and getting rid of all the enormous amount of “cobwebs” that had just appeared as they do!

FR MATHEW Fr Mathew will be leaving us at the end of July to go back home to Kerala. His Bishop in Kerala has called him back home to run a parish. I tried to keep him but was unable to as his Bishop has the last word! The time for “Thank you” will come later but I do wish to thank him for all his help and support to me in the Parish over the last two years. I do appreciate his kindness and thoughtfulness to me in that time and his service to the two Parishes. We will be getting a replacement, Fr Thomas from Scotland, who is also originally from Kerala. He will be looking after the St Jude’s Mission as well as being my assistant. He has only been ordained for a short while.

BAPTISMS Please could families who have outstanding Baptisms (i.e. have put in their Baptism Enquiry Forms to me) please contact me for a date if they haven’t already done so. I am limiting the number at Baptisms to as little as possible (30 Max). New Baptism enquiries are also very welcome. There may be a little bit of a wait. Please collect a form at one of the weekend Masses.

THE DIOCESAN TEN YEAR PLAN Following the Archbishop’s Pastoral Letter on the “Future Diocesan Plan” I hope that you have been able to collect the prayer card at the back of church. I have signed the Parish up to the Archbishop’s Evangelisation initiative “Something Greater” which he mentioned in his pastoral letter. It is a series of zoom sessions from the 8th July to encourage us to continue to help us to extend the hand of friendship to each other and to welcome others back to church.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI BEDWORTH We are waiting for the next stage to take place. I spoke to Eric Kirwin the new Chief Operating Officer at the Diocese who assures me that we have not been forgotten. Various avenues are being explored with the selling of the Parish Hall over the road.

The Sisters Chapel will move into the front office as soon as we can where there will be more room for them and it will make it more accessible to parishioners in the future. We have a new Altar and statues, given to us from the closed convent at Corpus Christi Convent in Coventry. The Selly Park Sisters are delighted that they will be used in such a way for the benefit of everyone. A storage place will be fitted out in the “old confessional space” with shelves and cupboards storage and a lockable door for all the office records that we need to keep at St Francis. St Francis pray for us.

SCHOOL NEWS Dear All, This week we saw our year 6 children leave ready to begin their secondary school adventure. Our year 6 who will be starting St Thomas More in September have been invited to the MAC summer school. They will have a week of activities where they can get to know the St Thomas More site and the staff, our staff will be part of the summer school too, this will help the children to have a lovely transition with familiar adults, in a covid safe way and be ready for September. We send them off confident in the knowledge that they will continue to show our values in everything they do, Compassion, Humility, Respect, Integrity, Service and Truth. As the school year comes to a close I wish to say thank you to the parishes for the support they have shown us this year. The love and prayers have kept us afloat during a challenging time! I wish also to thank the staff who, as always, have worked tirelessly, continually going above and beyond in order to provide the best we can for our children. As always, the children remember the parish in their prayers.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL If you would like our Parish Newsletter emailed to you every Saturday, please send an email with your name and email address to michael@westonpc.co.uk.

ST JOSEPH’S CARE HOME Situated in the beautiful surroundings of rural Warwickshire, St Joseph’s Care Home offers a range of personalised services including residential care, specialised dementia care and short-term respite care in a friendly welcoming environment. With a dedicated and compassionate staff team who are passionate about making residents safe and happy in an environment that is just how home feels. If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered and would be interested in more information or to book a virtual tour then please quote SJ1 and contact Care Home Manager Shelley Perryman on 01675 434559, email shelleyperryman@fatherhudsons.org.uk or visit our website at www.stjosephscarehome.co.uk.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS BEDWORTH How the Good Neighbours scheme works. We simply match older people who need a bit of friendship with a volunteer in their community who shares some of their spare time to chat to them and befriend them. We also run and fund friendship and hobby clubs for older people, and can help people find the right club for them. We can inform older people about other services that could be useful to them, such as personal alarms and fire safety checks. To ensure that everyone stays safe, we ask people for emergency contact details, information about any special needs and some safety details about home environments for home visits. Due to COVID-19, for a home visit volunteers must be able to sit 2m away from clients in the house. Client and volunteer information is kept confidential. The project has started really well. 12 people have been matched with a new friend. Now we desperately need more volunteers to continue fulfilling the need. For more details see our parish website www.olshweston.org.

THANK YOU from Sr Mary Jane. My thanks and prayers to all the parishioners for their prayers, gifts and good wishes for my birthday.

God Bless

Fr Michael