

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



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Sunday 16th December 2018 Third Sunday of Advent (C)

After Mass, tea and coffee will be served in Parish Hall.

Sat 15th Dec	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Exposition and Confessions. Michael Wright RIP (10th Anniversary) (Anne). Sister Rose McHale RIP (Anniversary) (Pawsey).	Bedworth
Sun 16th	9.30am 4.00pm	Sandra O'Donnell RIP (Cullen). Christmas Service followed by refreshments in Parish Hall.	Bulkington
	11.30am	Martin Jones RIP (Gill).	Bedworth
Mon 17th	7.00pm	The Rosary.	Bulkington
Tues 18th	9.30am	Ann Spicer RIP (Anniversary) (Family).	Bulkington
Wed 19th	9.30am 7.00pm	End of term Mass in St Francis School. RCIA in CRR.	Bedworth
	5.00pm	Reception of Angela Jean Reynolds RIP. (Fr John).	Bulkington
	7.00pm	Penance Service at Our Lady of the Angels, Nuneaton.	Nuneaton
Thurs 20th	9.30am	Funeral of Angela Jean Reynolds followed by burial in the cemetery.	Bulkington
	10.00am	Play & Stay Group in Parish Hall.	Bedworth
	7.00pm	Penance Service at St Marie's, Rugby.	Rugby
Fri 21st	11.00am	Funeral Mass of Patrick Morris RIP.	Bulkington
	2.45pm	Funeral Service of Gwen Petty followed by cremation at 4.15pm at HOE Crematorium.	Bedworth
Sat 22nd	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Exposition and Confessions. Jack & Mary McCullough RIP and Deceased family members RIP (Loret & family). Patrick Dillon RIP & Ron Jackson RIP (Wendy & Con).	Bedworth
Sun 23rd	9.30am	Neil Chesterton RIP (Anniversary) (Kate). Special Intention: Audrey (Rita). Bill Crawley RIP (Winifred).	Bulkington
	11.30am	Alice Culleton RIP (Anniversary) (Culleton family).	Bedworth

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-18

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18

ANNIVERSARIES

Mgr Bernard Navin, Rev Fergus O'Connell, Rev Daniel O'Connor, Rev Michael O'Meara, Mary McIlroy, John Batty, Robert Lary, Irene Bird, William Chamberlain, Molly O'Donnell, Mary & Jack McCullough, Charlie O'Connor, Anne Spicer, James McIlroy, Daniel Devlin, Rose Young, David Smith, Nancy Feeney, Michael Dickens, Julia Cook, Bernadette Whitehead, Mary McCann, Muriel Rutter, Cathy Sammons, Evelyn Arnold, Hilda Emily Ward, Denis Cook, Leo Behan.

RECENTLY DEAD

John Hardwick, Angela Reynolds, Gwen Petty, Patrick Morris RIP.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS - James Hurley, David Abell, Jane Malone, Rebecca Woodward, Natalie Brett, Wendy and Bryn Williams, Pete Yates, Val Maund, Raymond and Nuala Nash, Tony Pittam, Jess Scoffham, Maria Dixon, Margaret Smith, Christopher McDonald, Sr Mary Veronica, Jane Goodyear, Paul Wooding, Joan McKenna, Pat McKenna, Horace Birch.

THE ROSARY is recited every Monday evening at 7.00pm in Bulkington and every Friday morning at Bedworth at 9.10am. For information regarding **BAPTISM**, please see our parish website at www.olshweston.org. **HOSPITALS** For George Eliot Hospital - Fr Matthew Pittam on 01788 833547 and if it is urgent please contact the hospital switchboard (024 7635 1351) and ask to speak to the on-call chaplain. For University Hospital, Coventry and Myton Hospice contact Fr Paul Burch who is the full time Chaplain and can be contacted on 02476 693752 or 02476 967515 or email paulburch5@hotmail.com. **MASS AT GEORGE ELIOT HOSPITAL CHAPEL** at 3.00pm on the first Monday of each

**PARISH PRAYER:- HOLY SPIRIT, TURN OUR GOOD INTENTIONS INTO SOMETHING REAL
AND ACTIVE AND FRUITFUL AND HELP US ENJOY THE PROCESS.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS This Christmas 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 in both churches 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 SHOE BOX APPEAL This year we have sent a total of 2596 boxes from our local group, at least 300 more than last year. The first trucks have delivered to orphanages and families in Braila, Eastern Romania, a very poor area on the Danube, about 3 hours from Bucharest. We also had a special request to distribute boxes to an orphanage of 120 disabled children. The second drop was to the area of Tulcea, closer to the Danube delta and about 5 hours from Bucharest. Some boxes will go to the town of Sulina on the delta - there is no road, so they will end their journey by boat, taking 4 hours in the Winter months. Our co-ordinator Pam Hopwood has asked me to pass on sincere thanks to everyone who has helped us in any way this year with completed boxes, items to go in the boxes that we pack as a group and, equally important, financial support. With transport charged at £2.50 per box we are challenged to raise £6500 to cover this year's costs. Pam is always amazed when I turn up to our monthly workshops with yet more donations from our 2 parishes. They have allowed us to increase the number of boxes and to pack them more generously. We will begin again in January so please bear us in mind when you are tidying up your cracker novelties or left over wrapping paper. A certificate of thanks will be on display at the back of both churches.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Friday 14th December is the final First Communion session this year. We begin again on January 11th at 4.00pm when we will be joined by children preparing for Confirmation from 5.00pm - 6.00pm.

SCHOOL NEWS Dear All, This week on Wednesday 19th December at 9.30am in the school hall, we will be celebrating our Mass of Christmas. Fr. Newbold will be travelling down to join us and Fr. Michael for this very special occasion. Please do come along and join us, Fr. Newbold would be delighted to see people. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 who gave up their home comforts and slept over at school last weekend in order to raise money for homeless people in our area. The whole school has continued to open our Reverse Advent Calendar each day and bring items of food to school for our local Foodbank. The children will break up from school on the 21st

December for the Christmas holiday. We wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas!

PENANCE SERVICES FOR ADVENT WITHIN THE DEANERY

Wednesday 19th December
Our Lady of the Angels, Nuneaton 7.00pm.

Thursday 20th December
St Marie's, Rugby 7.00pm.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Saturday 15th December
(Bedworth) Exposition 3.15pm, Mass 4.00pm.

Sunday 16th December
Mass (Bulkington) 9.30am, Mass (Bedworth) 11.30am.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE (BULKINGTON) All Welcome! 4.00pm.
Refreshments in the Parish Hall Afterwards.

Monday 17th December
The Rosary (Bulkington) 7.00pm.

Tuesday 18th December
Mass (Bulkington) 9.30am.

Wednesday 19th December
Mass in St Francis School (Bedworth) 9.30am,
Penance Service Our Lady of the Angels, Nuneaton 7.00 pm.

Thursday 20th December
Mass (Bulkington) 9.30am,
Penance Service St Marie's, Rugby 7.00pm.

Friday 21st December
(Bedworth) Mass 9.30am.

SATURDAY 22nd DECEMBER 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Mass (Bedworth) 4.00pm.

SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER
Mass (Bulkington) 9.30am, Mass (Bedworth) 11.30am.

MONDAY 24th DEC CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS FOR CHRISTMAS (Bedworth) 4.00pm.
MASS OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (MASS OF MIDNIGHT) (Bulkington) **NB 8.00pm.**

TUESDAY 25TH DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS DAY)
NB Mass (Bulkington) 10.00am, **NB** Mass (Bedworth) 10.00am.

Wednesday 26th December
Mass (Bedworth) 11.00am.

SATURDAY 29th DECEMBER Vigil Mass for Sunday (Bedworth) 4.00pm, NO EXPOSITION OR CONFESSIONS TODAY.

SUNDAY 30th DECEMBER
Mass (Bulkington) 9.30am, Mass (Bedworth) 11.30am.

TUESDAY 1ST JANUARY 2019 SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

MASS (Bulkington) 11.00am.
Start the New Year with the right focus by coming to Mass and asking God's Blessing and Grace for the New Year.

God Bless
Fr. Michael

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For Sunday 9th December 2018 £

Poor Parishes £

Thank you very much.

100 CLUB (DECEMBER)

1st **99**, 2nd **19**, 3rd **60**. 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.

The **PIETY SHOP** will be open after weekend Masses. A large selection of gifts, cards, etc. are available.

READERS ROTA

Sun 16th December - S. Robinson / K. Alexander

Sun 23rd December - Tricia & Keith Lawlor

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART DIARY

New Years Eve Dance Mon 31st December. Music by The Blues Brothers.

UCM meet on Wed 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Over 50s Thurs 10th January in Parish Hall. 'Life in the Territorial Army' Diane Castledine.

First Holy Communion preparation Fri 11th January at 4.00pm in Parish Hall.

Confirmation Preparation Fri 11th January at 5.00pm in Parish Hall.

UCM Jumble Sales on Sat 2nd February and 2nd March 2019 at 11.00am in the Parish Hall.

First Holy Communion Sun 19th May 2019.

Confirmation Sun 7th July 2019.

ST FRANCIS of ASSISI, BEDWORTH

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For Sunday 9th December 2018 **£308.95**

Poor Parishes **£168.90**

Thank you very much.

INTENTION CANDLES

Our Lady: Michael Wright RIP

Sacred Heart: Michael Wright RIP

Divine Mercy: Martin Jones RIP

100 CLUB (DECEMBER)

1st **28**, 2nd **34**, 3rd **70**. Why not join our 100 Club? For just £1 per week you could win a 1st Prize of £80, a 2nd Prize of £50, or a 3rd Prize of £30. Please see Peter Oakley or Mary Smith if you would like to join.

PIETY SHOP is open after both weekend Masses. A large selection of cards, gifts etc. are available. Intention candles are available at only £3 to commemorate a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

ST FRANCIS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Total raised was £243.50. Thanks to everyone.

READERS ROTA

Sat 15th December - J. Richards / P. Oakley

Sun 16th December - J. Culleton Underwood / C. Dodd

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI DIARY

RCIA Wed 19th December at 7.00pm in CRR.

Play and Stay Group every Thursday at 10.00am in Parish Hall.