

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



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Sunday 23rd December 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

After Mass, tea and coffee will be served in Parish Hall. The collection on Christmas Eve / Christmas Day is the traditional Christmas offering to the clergy. Christmas Offering envelopes are available in the porch.

Sat 22nd Dec	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
Mon 24th	4.00pm	Christmas Eve VIGIL MASS FOR CHRISTMAS. PRO POPULO.	Bedworth
	8.00pm	Mass of the Nativity of the Lord (Mass of Midnight). JOSIE DEVEY RIP (ROWE), PETER ROBINSON RIP (ANNIVERSARY).	Bulkington
Tues 25th	10.00am	Christmas Day Celebrant's Intention.	Bulkington
	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention.	Bedworth
Wed 26th	11.00am	Feast of St Stephen. For the Altar Servers.	Bedworth
Fri 28th	11.00am	Funeral service of John Hardwick followed by cremation at HOE Crematorium.	Bedworth
Sat 29th	4.00pm	No Exposition and Confessions. Gwen Petty RIP (Shakespeare).	Bedworth
Sun 30th	9.30am	Feast of the Holy Family. Harry & Julia Newton RIP (Abell). Tom Ward RIP (1st Anniversary) (Kate & family).	Bulkington
	11.30am	Sam Dixon RIP (Sr B).	Bedworth
Tues 1st Jan	11.00am	Blessings for the New Year.	Bulkington

FIRST READING: Micah 5:1-4

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face
shine on us and we shall be saved.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-44

ANNIVERSARIES

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'Mahoney, Rev Colum McCabe, Rev James (Seamus) McInerney, Rev David O'Callaghan, Rev Francis Etherington CO, Annie McCarroll, Neil Chesterton, Rose Lary, Ruby Wade, Josie Devey, Alice Culleton, Peter Robinson, Michael Anderson, Phyllis Thompson, Harold Gardner, Jessie Cotterill, Rosemary White, Anne Louise Healey, John Lappin, Jean Davenport, Sawzi Abu Hamdan, Anne Seabright, Delia Crossland, Robert Hill, Charles Gavigan, Stanley Dare, Phyllis Bryan, Tom Wood, John O'Donnell, Gertrude Fletcher, Veronica Homme-Wilson, Tom Noonan, Joseph Fletcher, Eddie Dwyer.

RECENTLY DEAD

John Hardwick 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.

PARISH CAR PARK Recently there have been a number of thefts from vehicles parked in the parish car park in Bulkington. The area is covered by CCTV but it is still important to be vigilant when parking.

Please do not leave anything in your vehicle that is visible from outside and report any suspicious activity.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE May I thank everyone who organised and supported the Christmas Service last Sunday. It was such a lovely family occasion. Thank you to Jenny and the Choir, the readers, UCM and the ladies for serving the refreshments and preparing the Parish Hall.

It's that time of year again when I try to find the right words to express my appreciation to the Sisters who have done so much and have taken people to their hearts and to all those people from both parishes who help during the year to keep the Churches and Parish Halls looking so good. You all know who you are and we are truly grateful to you for helping maintain such high standards. Perhaps we could say a little prayer in thanksgiving to God for all the work that is done in and around both Churches for his glory. Wishing you and your families peace, joy and many blessings of this holy season.

God Bless

Fr. Michael

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART, BULKINGTON

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For Sunday 16th December 2018 **£570.42**

Maintenance Fund **£243.17**

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.

APF RED BOXES The total collected for the December quarter was £785.07; any monies received after this notice will be added to the 2019 year total. Many thanks to promoters: Mesdames Andrews, Beddows, Fletcher, Langham, Lennon, Liddle, Waddoups, Waring and Messieurs Alexander, Neale and Ryan for all their hard work and to all the individual box holders who made this total possible."

READERS ROTA

Sun 23rd December - Tricia & Keith Lawlor

Sun 30th December - R. Cooper / J. Martin

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 16th December 2018 **£320.17**

Maintenance Fund **£218.20**

Thank you very much.

INTENTION CANDLES

Our Lady: Rod Huffer RIP

Sacred Heart: Rod Huffer RIP

Divine Mercy: Philomena Haddon

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 22nd December - D. Simmons / M. Ison

Sun 23rd December - J. Wooding / M. Jones

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI DIARY

RCIA Wed 16th January at 7.00pm in CRR.

Play and Stay Group every Thursday at 10.00am in Parish Hall (except holidays).