

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



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Sunday 23rd April 2023—THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

ALL Masses will be LIVE STREAMED: DAILY MASSES: TUESDAY – SUNDAY. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell for any reason. Before each weekday Mass, the Rosary will be said at 9.15am. At Bulkington Tea and Coffee after Mass in the Parish Hall on Sundays.

Sat 22 At St Francis	3.15—3.45 pm 4.00 pm	Rosary, Exposition, Divine Mercy and Confessions Martin Jones RIP 9th Anniversary Special Intention: Eddie Head Baptism during Mass (Gill) (Nuala)
Sun 23 At Bulkington	9.30 am	Third Sunday Of Easter Maurice Armson RIP Winifred Crawley RIP (Pat Birch) (Theresa Rowe)
At St Francis	11.30 am	Charlie Culleton RIP Special Intention: Norma & Lester (Ann & Barry McGrory) (Ferdinand Lennon)
Mon 24 At Bulkington	7.00 pm	Solemnity of St George—Patron Of England Rosary
Tues 25 At Bulkington	9.30 am	Feast of St Mark, Evangelist Charlie Bradley RIP Mae Ryan RIP
Wed 26 At St Francis	9.30 am 11.00 am 2.00 pm	Ada Annie Gamble RIP Mike & Ruth Eden RIP Funeral Service of Richard Mather UCM Meeting in Parish Hall—Bring and Buy Sale (Sr A-M)
Thurs 27 At Bulkington	9.30 am 4.30—5.30 pm 5.30—6.30 pm	Jenny Chilton RIP James Mulcahy Jr & Family RIP Communion Classes Confirmation Classes (Theresa Rowe) (Kathleen Mulcahy)
Fri 28 At St Francis	9.30 am	Special Intention: Eileen Kennedy Mike Richards RIP (Paul & Theresa Tedds) (M Duncan)
Sat 29 At St Francis	3.15—3.45 pm 4.00 pm	Feast of St Catherine of Siena Rosary, Exposition, Divine Mercy and Confessions Denis, John & Sheila Reidy RIP Nathan Cole RIP (C Gwynne) (Joan Richards)
Sun 30 At Bulkington	9.30 am	Fourth Sunday Of Easter Robert Andrew Moynihan RIP Special Intention: Maria Crosby (Sheila & Ann-Marie) (Margaret Garrett)
At St Francis	11.30 am	Charlie Culleton RIP Special Intention: In Thanksgiving for Safe Delivery of Theodore Joyson (Eileen Kennedy) (Joyson)

Please pray for our relatives, friends, those in the parish who are sick and their carers :-

Susan Basnett, Dianne Fletcher, Sheila Hill, Monica Horner, Pat Sugrue, Fr Simon Hall, Liam Carroll, Gillian Ainsley, Graham Sheen, Richard Beardsley and Julie Wastie-Beardsley, Natalie Sugrue, Aileen Glynn, Yvonne Neale, Carmel, Mr Roe, Paul Tedds, Mary Evans, Ann Magee, Norman Barr, Peter Moore, Janet Pittam, Sue Owen, Jean Kimber, Lauren Glynn, Baby Florence, Mgr Graham Wilkinson, Tina & Baby, Rebecca Woodward, Natalie Brett, Wendy Williams, Nuala Nash, Sr Mary Veronica, Paul Wooding, Pat McKenna, Ronald Boote, Carmel Brady, Richard Grindal, Eddie Head, John Ison, Chris Ison, Pat Skerritt and Mike Skerritt, Debbie Colby

Anniversaries

Deacon Peter Seeney, Bishop Patrick Leo McCartie, Rev Benjamin Cox, Rev Wilfrid Davenport, Rev Desmond Donnelly, Rev Peter Dennison, Dennis Carroll, Mary Christie, Trevor Western, Peggy Gamble, Brian Staley, Clara Haddon, Michael Tynan, Robert Murden, Ada Annie Gamble, Mr Neale, Denis Gissane, Andrew Robinson, Ena Hughes, Helen McGuinness, Esther Colgan, Sr Odilia Grogan CSP, Freda Dumbleton

Recently Dead

May Veasey, Richard Mather, Bishop Christopher Budd, Gerry Campbell, Alan McGarry, Margaret Blackwell, Mae Ryan, Monica Hynes, Andrew Colby, Charlie Bradley, RIP

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR: 16th April 2023

ST FRANCIS:

Main collection Envelopes: £51 Loose: £275
Church Maintenance : £4
PLUS standing orders of approx. £71.00 per week

TOTAL £401

OLSH BULKINGTON:

GIFT AID: £ 174 Non Gift Aid & Loose: £112.58
Building Fund Gift Aid: £67.20 Non Gift Aid: £44.20
PLUS Standing Orders of Approx £251 per week

TOTAL £648.98 THANK YOU!

For Your Information: The Gas bill to heat SF church is approx. £1000 each month and to heat OLSH is approx. £500.

As requested, the **Parish Bank Details** in order to set up Standing Orders are as follows:

St Francis R.C.A. of Birmingham St Francis Of Assisi Parish Bedworth. Sort Code: 60-02-53 Account No: 53121619

OLSH R.C.A. of Birmingham Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Bulkington. Sort Code: 60-02-53 Account No: 53603249.

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear all, The children have returned after the Easter break full of beans and Easter eggs, this week they have been busy planning ways to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. The children have great imaginations, and it looks like they are planning a wonderful celebration! In addition to teaching a broad balanced curriculum and celebrating our culture we also continually explore well-being in school and encourage the children to learn about how to stay well. This term we will be working with Connect for Health and delivering a healthy sleep workshop and we will be running a positive body image programme too. Our Year 3 children are delighted to be continuing their preparation to receive their first Holy Communion and our Year 6 children are excited to be completing their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. At this time of year, it is always heart-warming to see how mature and sincere in their preparations they are. As always, the children keep the parish in their prayers. Please do remember us in your prayers.

CHARLIE CULLETON

Dear all, As a family we wish to thank all those who have supported us with prayers and kindness over the last few months. Thank – you to those people who have helped us as a family to cope and to do the things we needed to do for dad, it has been a source of great comfort that people understood the difficulties and supported us and dad through prayer. We would also like to say thank - you to everyone who attended the funeral and joined via the webcam in order to celebrate his life. Dad would have been delighted by the amazingly generous response in donations made by the parish to the Ukrainian food parcel appeal. With love and prayers, the family of Charlie Culleton

OVER FIFTIES: The next meeting of the Over 50s is on Thursday 11th May at 2.00 pm in the Parish Hall. It is the rearranged performance of the **Nuneaton Ukelele Band**. All over 50s welcome.

U.C.M: The next meeting will be on Wed 26th April at 2 pm in the Parish Hall. We will be having a Bring and Buy—all ladies welcome!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

We are now preparing for First Holy Communion which will take place at the 9.30am Masses on May 14th and 21st. Please continue to remember the children and their families in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please give at least 6 weeks notice to ensure requested date.

TAIZE PRAYER: This will be held in the **Chapel of Unity, Coventry Cathedral** on the first Sunday of each month beginning at **5:00pm** .

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES: Please bring donations to the 9.30am Mass on Sundays or I am happy to collect if you contact me on 07900024385 or email cogs3561@hotmail.com

BEING A WELCOMING CHURCH—Father Hudson's

A series of free, one hour long Zoom sessions. To register, email fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk or visit their Eventbrite page. **All sessions run from 7.30—8.30pm.**

Supporting Older People, esp. with dementia.

Please sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/a-welcoming-church-1741579>

Mon 22/05/23 Disabilities

Mon 19/06/23 Homelessness

“RED BOXES”

The total collected for the March quarter was £500.00 This does not include donations made directly to APF/Missio.

The total for **2022** collected by our parish was **£2953.04.**

Many thanks to Mesdames: Andrews, Beddows, Chesterton, Langham, Waddoups and Waring and to Messieurs Alexander, Neale & Spicer, also to all the red box holders and donors who made this total possible.

If any parishioners would like to have a Red Box or would like to donate directly to Missio please contact Agnes Hill.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE

An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 29th April at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: If anyone you know is sick or housebound and would like to receive Communion, please contact the Sisters —Tel 02476 640 684. Sister Mary Jane and Sister Alphonsa would be delighted to visit and we do not want anyone to feel overlooked.

GOVERNOR VACANCIES : Coventry and North

Warwickshire Multi Academy Companies and Voluntary Aided Schools

The Boards of Directors and Local Governing Bodies of the Multi Academy Companies (MACs) and Voluntary Aided schools based in Coventry and North Warwickshire, are looking for volunteers to join the Local Governing Bodies of their highly successful catholic schools. If you are a practising Catholic and have the time, skills and energy and commitment for this rewarding and fulfilling role we would love to hear from you. For further information about any of the schools in the Coventry and North Warwickshire area or about the roles and responsibilities of Foundation Governors please contact Fiona McLintock at ctk.covty@rcaob.org.uk who will forward your email to the appropriate person. In your email please state if you would like to be considered for a particular school or area.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat 2023 at St Anthony of Padua RC Church, 115 Headley Way, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX3 7SS on Saturday 13 May 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

Dear Parishioners,

This week we celebrate the Feast of St. George, the patron saint of England. I wish you all a happy day.

On Thursday 22nd June 2023, I will celebrate my belated Silver Jubilee 1996-2021. (Now 27 years). The pandemic prevented having any public celebration. I will be 25 years as Parish Priest here in Weston, Bulkington on 1st May 2023. Sr Alphonsa celebrates her Silver Jubilee while she is in Kerala, so we decided to have a joint celebration in June. It will be the first time that we have been able to have a celebration since the pandemic. It's an occasion where I want parishioners to relax and enjoy. We will get caterers in to provide the food etc. Watch this space!
Every Blessing!

Fr Michael. xx

BULKINGTON 100 CLUB (April 2023) 1st 16, 2nd 19, 3rd 25. Next Draw is in May 2023.

Many thanks to everyone who supports the 100 club. Congratulations to the winners! **Numbers are available if you would like to join at £2.00 per month.** See Janet Cooper. **Don't forget – Not in it? Can't win it!**