

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



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Sunday 7th MAY 2023—FIFTH 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. Tea and Coffee after Mass in Bulkington on Sundays.

Sat 6 May At St Francis	3.00—3.45 pm 4.00 pm	Rosary, Exposition, Divine Mercy and Confessions Gerry Campbell RIP Special Intention: Theresa Rowe (Pat & Gerry) (Ferdinand Lennon)
Sun 7 At Bulkington	9.30 am	Fifth Sunday Of Easter Bob Crosby RIP—1st Anniversary Sylvia & Bill Sharpe RIP Ann Ganley RIP Mae Ryan RIP (Marie) (Sheila Abell) (Kath Chedlow) (Month's Mind)
At St Francis	11.30 am	Charlie Culleton RIP Dennis, John & Sheila Reidy (J & A Spencer) (C Gwynne)
Mon 8 At Bulkington	7.00 pm	Rosary
Tues 9 At Bulkington	9.30 am	Pat Graham RIP Gerry Daley RIP (Marie Crosby) (M Garrett)
Wed 10 At St Francis	9.30 am 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	John Hackett RIP UCM Meeting in Parish Hall. RCIA meeting
Thurs 11 At Bulkington	9.30 am 2.00 pm 5.30—6.30 pm	Alan MacCarray RIP Special Intention: Kath Alexander Over 50s Meeting Confirmation Classes (Nuala)
Fri 12 At St Francis	9.30 am	Colin Lloyd RIP For the Sick & Housebound
Sat 13 At St Francis	3.00—3.45 pm 4.00 pm	Rosary, Exposition, Divine Mercy and Confessions Teresa Barry RIP Thanking Sr Mary-Jane (Bernie Grant) (Ferdinand Lennon)
Sun 14 At Bulkington	9.30 am	Sixth Sunday Of Easter First Holy Communion Winifred Crawley (Founder of OLSH UCM 59 years ago) RIP Iris Gamble RIP - Birthday (Norma & Lester)
At St Francis	11.30 am 12.30 pm	Pro Populo Baptism of Owen Todd

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 Skeritt and Mike Skeritt, Debbie Colby

Anniversaries

Rev Donal O'Connor, Bishop Joseph Gray, Rev Francis Carr, Rev Walter Joseph Joret, Rev Patrick Cocklin, Deacon James Duffy, Canon Francis Woodward, Mary Spencer, John Cooper, Ann Ganley, Philip Scanlon, May English, Frederick Oakley, Gladys Baker, Peggy Mattherson, Mary Mowinsky, Sr Mary Kathleen, Paul Ryan, Maisie Old, Wendy Dickens, Robert 'Ian' Miller, Horace Birch, Stephen Mason, Joan Singleton, Fr Noel O'Connor, Chris Docherty

Recently Dead

Alan MacCarray, Margaret Blackwell, Mae Ryan, Monica Hynes, Andrew Colby, Charlie Bradley, Gerry Daley, Gracie Goodman, John Hackett, Colin Lloyd RIP **May they rest in Peace. Amen**

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!**

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: 30th April 2023

ST FRANCIS: Main collection Envelopes: Loose: £325

Church Maintenance : £10

Priest's Training Fund: £70 CAFOD: £4

PLUS standing orders of approx. £71.00 per week

TOTAL £480

OLSH BULKINGTON: GIFT AID: £ 164.00 Loose: £213.14

Building Fund Gift Aid: £112.09 Non Gift Aid:

Priest's Training Fund: Gift Aid: £46.70 Non Gift Aid: £96.14

PLUS Standing Orders of Approx £251 per week

TOTAL £883.07 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, This week has ended with great celebrations for King Charles. The children have enjoyed decorating the school, dressing in red, white and blue and learning all about the coronation. Friday was a wonderful celebration, and we hope a wonderful memory that they children will carry with them for always. As a school family we prayed for King Charles and his family. By praying for the King, the children can be active in helping him to lead well. I know families will now be enjoying the celebrations over the long weekend and the coverage of events on the television. We return to school on Tuesday and our Year 6 children will be sitting the SATs papers which they have been preparing for. The children are sitting papers on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. They are showing a lovely quiet confidence this week which is great to see. Please do say a little pray for them each day. Once SATS are completed they are off to Cornwall for a residential trip needless to say they are very excited about the trip! As always, we remember the parish in our prayers.

RCIA:

Following the wonderful Receptions at Easter, the next RCIA meeting will take place on 10th May at 6pm. The final meeting will take place on 24th May.

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.

UCM: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th May at 2.00 pm. All ladies welcome!

SUMMER BASKET: The UCM members will be selling ticvkets for a beautiful Summer Basket **in the Hall**, after Mass **today and next week. Tickets will be drawn in the Hall after Mass on Sun 21st May.**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

Final Communion Class this week.

Sunday May 14th: First Holy Communion for Maria and Maya during the 9.30 am Mass

Sunday May 21st: First Holy Communion for Alex, Julia, Michal, Zenon and Zoe during the 9.30 am Mass.

Confirmation Classes continue until 25th May.

Tues 23rd May—Meeting for Confirmation parents at the school, Bedworth 6.30 pm.

Tues 6th June— Confirmation at St Francis Church, at 7 pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION : The children who have been preparing in Bulkington will make their First Holy Communion on the next 2 Sundays during the 9.30 am Masses - Maria and Maya on May 14th and Alex, Julia, Michal, Zenon and Zoe on May 21st. Each family will have a reserved bench at the front of church. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with these arrangements.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat 2023 at St Anthony of Padua RC Church, OX3 7SS on Saturday 13 May 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm led by the Marian Fathers. All Welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646.

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 at 5pm .

LOUDfence SURVIVORS VOICES, 7-13 MAY 2023

To show support to victims and survivors of abuse, St Chad's Cathedral is hosting a LOUDfence. A LOUDfence involves tying LOUD (brightly coloured) ribbons and messages of support in public spaces. The LOUDfence will run from Sunday 7 May to Saturday 13 May, (except Bank Holidays) and a programme of events and activities is now in place. The LOUDfence will be located outside the cathedral on the railings between the entrance and the bookshop, as well as just inside in the Bell Chamber. For those who cannot attend in person can submit an online message of support and/or have a ribbon tied on your behalf. As part of the LOUDfence the Diocesan Safeguarding Team will be running a Safeguarding in Action event. Full details of the event are available on the Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES: Thank you to the parishioners in both Bedworth and Bulkington who continue to contribute so generously to our appeal. There are many demands on your finances at the moment but you are still thinking of those children who have so little, particularly in areas affected by war. Donations can be left at the back of church or collected if you email cogs3561@hotmail.com or call 07900024385.

BEING A WELCOMNG 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 19/06/23** Homelessness

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.

KENELM YOUTH TRUST COURSES:

1. Youth Minister Training—for over 18's and is called 'Bethsaida'. It is certificated and approved by the Archdiocese and covers six subject areas. Zoom Meetings on Wednesday evenings from 26th April

2. Youth Mental Health First Aid. Held on June 19, 20, 26, 27th 6:30-9pm on zoom. To find out more, head to our website: <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/mental-health.html> For information or to book these **free** courses, email maria.bracken@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

CHURCH FLOWERS: If anyone is able to help with the church flowers to decorate Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, could they please contact Father or the Sisters.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we Celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Another moment in history. I think of the words of St Thomas More at his trial in Westminster Hall. "I remain the Kings good servant but GOD'S first".

May is the month dedicated to Our Lady, and Our Mother. Each day do try to say at least one decade of the Rosary to honour Mary for peace in the world and in our Society.

We have our First Holy Communions, School and Parish during May. Please pray the children and their families.

We will also crown our Lady as "Queen of the May" at the end of one of the Sunday Masses in Each Parish.

Ascension Thursday will be celebrated this year on Thursday 18th May. This is of course a Holy Day of Obligation.

May we enjoy these days of May, the month of Our Lady as hopefully the weather gets dryer and warmer.

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 be able 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