

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



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## Sunday 14th MAY 2023—SIXTH 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.**

<b>Sat 13 At St Francis</b>	<b>3.00—3.45 pm 4.00 pm</b>	Rosary, Exposition, Divine Mercy and Confessions Teresa Barry RIP Thanking Sr Mary-Jane	(Bernie Grant) (Ferdie Lennon)
<b>Sun 14 At Bulkington</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday Of Easter</b> First Holy Communions and Crowning of Our Lady Winifred Crawley (Founder of OLSH UCM 59 years ago) RIP Iris Gamble RIP - Birthday	(Norma & Lester)
<b>At St Francis</b>	<b>11.30 am 12.30 pm</b>	Pro Populo Baptism of Owen Todd	
<b>Mon 15 At Bulkington</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Rosary	
<b>Tues 16 At Bulkington</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Eileen Martin RIP Birthday Thanking Frank Spicer	(Mike) (Ferdie Lennon)
<b>Wed 17 At St Francis</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Audrey Goode RIP—Memorial	
<b>Thurs 18 At St Francis</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</b> Rabone Family RIP Pro Populo	(Sr A-M)
<b>At Bulkington</b>	<b>7.00 pm 5.30—6.30 pm</b>	Thanking Theresa Rowe Horace Birch RIP—Anniv Confirmation Classes	(Ferdie Lennon)
<b>Fri 19 At St Francis</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Don Friswell RIP—Memorial For the Sick and Housebound	
<b>Sat 20 At St Francis</b>	<b>11.00 am 3.00—3.45 pm 4.00 pm</b>	First Holy Communion— at St Francis School Rosary, Exposition, Divine Mercy and Confessions Charlie Culleton RIP Baptism during Mass of Chidiade Amboden Inen	(M Smith)
<b>Sun 21 At Bulkington</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday Of Easter</b> First Holy Communions—final group Sheila Kelly RIP Lynskey Family RIP	(Jane Checkling) (K Mulcahy)
<b>At St Francis</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	Francis & John Meagher RIP Dennis, John & Sheila Reidy RIP	(Sr Ann-Marie) (C Gwynne)

**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

Rev Cathal Cassidy, Rev Denis Hickling, Canon Wilfred Smith, Rev Joseph Griffin, Rev Ernest Cook, Rev William Lyons, Elizabeth Garry, Glenys Magill, Ruby Chedlow, Alan Whitehead, Barbara Pitman, Sr Helena Piggott, Hazel Mary Quinney, James Craig, Pierre Fleming, Thomas Singleton, Bernadette Durkin, Ellen Brice, Grace Madeleine Hawkins, Sr Francesca, Sarah McIlroy, Stan Smith, Sean Smith, Frances McFadden, Madeleine Royan

### Recently Dead

Andrew Colby, Charlie Bradley, Gracie Goodman, John Hackett, Colin Lloyd, Mollie Barnacle, Betty Arch 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: 7th May 2023

**ST FRANCIS:** Main collection Envelopes: Loose: £246

Church Maintenance : £

PLUS standing orders of approx. £71.00 per week

**TOTAL £317**

**OLSH BULKINGTON:** GIFT AID: £ 176.70 Loose: £157.75

Building Fund Gift Aid: £ 88.93 Non Gift Aid: £58.26

PLUS Standing Orders of Approx £251 per week

**TOTAL £732.64 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 our year 6 children have completed their SATs tests. The children were very well prepared for the tests and took them very calmly. Preparation included encouraging children to be the best they can be and get the best possible personal results whilst reminding each child that that are growing as people and are successful in many other ways too. Year 6 are off to Cornwall next week for a residential trip, we are hoping they get to enjoy some good weather and lots of outdoor sports. In school our Year 3 children are busy preparing for their First Holy Communion next weekend. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate the sacrament as a whole class again. Please do remember them in your prayers. As always, the children remember the parish in their prayers.

## RCIA:

The final meeting will take place on 24th May.

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

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**CAFOD:** Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to [cafod.org.uk/latest\\_campaigns](https://cafod.org.uk/latest_campaigns)

## KENELM YOUTH TRUST COURSES:

**1. Youth Minister Training—Bethsaida . It is certificated and approved by the Archdiocese Zoom Meetings**

**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](mailto:maria.bracken@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk)

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

**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.

**Cleaner's Rota:** A new cleaner's Rota is available—OLSH

**Tea / Coffee at St Francis:** Following Masses on Wednesdays and Fridays, this has raised £100 so far. Thank you to all involved.

**UCM:** Our foundation will celebrate our **59<sup>th</sup> anniversary** this

## DEANERY NEWS

### \* BEING A WELCOMING CHURCH—Father Hudson's

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

**Mon 22/05/23** Disabilities \*\*\* led by Fr Michael Gamble \*\*\*

**Mon 19/06/23** Homelessness

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

**\* VOCATIONS MASS:** This will be celebrated at St Thomas More, Coventry, at 7pm on Tues 13th June.

**\*SYNOD NEWS:** Following conversations that have taken place in the Archdiocese in response to the Synod, Archbishop Bernard and other key members of the Archdiocese have been reflecting on the many responses submitted and are currently discerning all the needs of the faithful of the Archdiocese. Archbishop Bernard recognises, and is grateful that from within the LGBTQ+ community there has been very insightful feedback and he is happy for there to be a continued conversation to listen further. *You are therefore invited to a meeting which will be facilitated by Mgr Mark Crisp and his team for those aged 18+ at Christ the King, Coventry on Sunday 21st May at 7pm.*

**\* CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** starting at St Anne's Church in Coventry at 3pm on Sunday 18th June, processing to Corpus Christi Church. You are all invited to join the procession and to celebrate with a picnic on the grass at 4pm. Drinks and nibbles provided. See poster at back of church.

**\*HOSPITAL VISITING:** If you have a relative in hospital, please let the staff know as, due to GDPR, they cannot ask. Arrangements can then be made for a priest to visit.

year—What a wonderful achievement for us all, especially our founder members. It came into being on 24 May 1964, after consultation with the then Parish Priest Fr Isaac Savin and was the idea of our founder member Winifred Crawley who sadly died last year. We miss her so much. Special thanks to Fr Michael for his continued support to us.

**On Wednesday 24 May at 2pm in the Parish Hall** we are having a shared table to celebrate this special occasion. All are welcome. What do we have in common?

We are all members of the UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: Meeting, Caring and Sharing in Church and Community: Enjoying Friendship, Fun and Faith. Long may our foundation continue to serve Fr. Michael, Fr Jinse, Sister Mary Jane and Sister Alphonsa and our Parish Community. Long may we continue: **Deo Gratias**

**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,

Firstly, thank you to Anita and Ray for making last Sunday's teas after Mass such a lovely event to celebrate the Coronation. Everybody enjoyed it, especially the cakes! In the next two weeks we have the Parish and School First Holy Communion, we keep the children and their families in our prayers.

This Sunday, at Bulkington, we will crown Our Lady in this her month of May with the crowning hymn.

Next Saturday morning at the end of the First Holy Communion at Bedworth we will crown Our Lady's statue there.

On Monday 22nd May at 7.30pm via Zoom, I will be leading a workshop on "Disability"- **Being a welcoming Church** details are on the Diocesan website to join.

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**