

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



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## Sunday 21st MAY 2023—SEVENTH 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 20</b> <b>At St Francis</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	First Holy Communion— at St Francis School	
	<b>3.00—3.45 pm</b> <b>4.00 pm</b>	Rosary, Exposition, Divine Mercy and Confessions Charlie Culleton RIP Special Intention: Tom Ward—80th Birthday Baptism during Mass of Chidiade Amboden Inen	(M Smith) (Nuala)
<b>Sun 21</b> <b>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 Checking) (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)
<b>Mon 22</b> <b>At Bulkington</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Rosary	
<b>Tues 23</b> <b>At Bulkington</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Barry Leedham RIP –Birthday Pewter Andrews RIP—23rd Anniversary	(Ellen) (Aileen)
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Meeting for Confirmation parents—in school	
<b>Wed 24</b> <b>At St Francis</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Marie Ward RIP	
	<b>2.00 pm</b>	UCM Shared Table to celebrate 59 years. All welcome.	
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	RCIA Final Meeting	
<b>Thurs 25</b> <b>At Bulkington</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Memorial of St Bede the Venerable</b> Andrew Colby RIP Mollie Barnacle RIP	(Paul, Pat, Patrick Tubb)
	<b>5.30—6.30 pm</b>	Final Confirmation Class	
<b>Fri 26</b> <b>At St Francis</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Memorial of St Philip Neri</b> Funeral of Gracie Goodman RIP (Fr Sunday)	
<b>Sat 27</b> <b>At St Francis</b>	<b>3.00—3.45 pm</b> <b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury</b> Rosary, Exposition, Divine Mercy and Confessions Charlie Culleton RIP Dr Kevin & Dr Elaine Dutton	(Sisters)
<b>Sun 28</b> <b>At Bulkington</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Neil Chesterton RIP - 42nd Birthday Special Intention: Dianne Fletcher	(Family) (Theresa Rowe)
	<b>11.30 am</b> <b>12 noon</b>	Baptism of Alexander Patrick Baptism of Lara Mae Brindley-Booker	
	<b>At St Francis</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	Maureen Walton RIP—Anniversary Special Intention: Norma Baptism during Mass of Adam Daniel Gackowski (John Walton) (Ferdie Lennon)

**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

Mgr John Humphreys, Rev Thomas Foynes, Mgr Wilfred Moore, Rev Thomas Bagnall, Rev Michael McKenna, Rev Patrick Taylor, Rev John Kearns, Rev James Ward, Catherine Keegan, Mary Naughton, Jo Bazen, Peter Andrews, Judy Swift, Olive Whitehead, Maria Webb, Margaret Goode, Chloe Walker, Patrick Fitzsimmons, Maurice Ward, Barbara Clews, Kate Gamble, Gwen Ireland, Mary Gibson,

### Recently Dead

Andrew Colby, Charlie Bradley, Gracie Goodman, John Hackett, Colin Lloyd, Mollie Barnacle, Betty Arch,  
Marie Ward, Danny O'Donnell RIP **May they rest in Peace. Amen**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR: 14th May 2023**

**ST FRANCIS:** Main collection Envelopes: Loose: £405

PLUS standing orders of approx. £71.00 per week

**TOTAL £476**

**OLSH BULKINGTON:** GIFT AID: £ 127 Loose: £132.02

Building Fund Gift Aid: £ 75.46 Non Gift Aid: £50.95

PLUS Standing Orders of Approx £251 per week

**TOTAL £636.43 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, it was wonderful to celebrate First Holy Communion this week as a whole class, something which we have been unable to do for such a long time. The children have been prepared to receive the sacraments in school and took part in a special retreat day on Friday. The retreat day was a prayerful day, with a range of experiences for the children. Each year we show the children clips from the now old film 'Jesus of Nazareth', the children are always totally enthralled by the video clips. They enjoyed recreating the Last Supper with bread and blackcurrant squash. By recreating the Last Supper, they can fully connect the words in the Bible to the words spoken at Mass. Please do keep these children in your prayers, as always the children remember the parish in their prayers.

**SUMMER BASKET:** Last chance to buy tickets for a beautiful Summer Basket in the Hall, after Mass today. Tickets will be drawn in the Hall on Sunday 21st.

**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:** Alex, Julia, Michal, Zenon and Zoe will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday on May 21st. Each family will have a reserved bench at the front of OLSH church. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with these arrangements.

**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](http://cafod.org.uk/latest_campaigns)

**KENELM YOUTH TRUST COURSES:**

**1. Youth Minister Training—Bethsaida . It is certified 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. For information or to book these free courses, email [maria.bracken@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:maria.bracken@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk)

**OVER FIFTIES:** The next meeting of the Over 50s will be on Thursday 8th June at 2 pm in the parish hall. It will be the AGM, followed by a light buffet. **All over 50s are welcome. Why not come along and join us!**

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

**BULKINGTON 100 CLUB** (April 2023) 1st 31, 2nd 16, 3rd 35. Next Draw is in June 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. Prizes are £60, £25 and £15.** See Janet Cooper. **Don't forget – Not in it? Can't win it!**

**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.

**RCIA:** The final meeting will take place on 24th May.

**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.

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

**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 Sunday is the last of the First Holy Communions for our Parish and School. I would like to thank the Parish School, Mrs Culleton and her Staff, Mrs Margaret Patrick and Mrs Moira Stewart for preparing the Children to receive the Sacraments.

It was lovely to crown "Our Lady" in Bulkington for the month of May and the Same yesterday in St Francis at the end of the First Holy Communion Mass. Thank you to Terence for arranging the flowers around Our Lady for the "Crowning".

**Tomorrow evening** (Monday) on Zoom I will be facilitating the workshop on Disability as part of one of the themes of "Being a Welcoming Church" The Link can be found on the Diocesan Website. It should be both thought provoking and interesting! Some people are going to **Lourdes** next week. If you have any Petitions please push them through the Presbytery door at Bedworth by Thursday morning at the Latest. Thank you!

Next Sunday we Celebrate "Pentecost". Let us pray that the "Holy Spirit" will be renewed in us and in our Parish Life.

**On Thursday 22nd June 2023,** I will celebrate my beloved 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**