

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 Frank Mulligan Alan MacCarry, Margaret Blackwell, Mae Ryan, Monica Hynes, Andrew Colby, Charlie Bradley, Gerry Daley, Gracie Goodman, John Hackett, Colin Lloyd Michael John O'Donnell, Eileen Shakespeare, Jevon Daniel Ellis, Dianne Fletcher Kerry Anne Ashby

THE SICK AND THEIR CARERS -: Susan Basnett, Sheila Hill, Pat Sugrue, Liam Carroll, Graham Sheen, Richard Beardsley and Julie Wastie-Beardsley, Natalie Sugrue, Carmel, Mr Roe, Paul Tedds, Mary Evans, , Norman Barr, Peter Moore, Janet Pittam, Sue Owen, Jean Kimber, Lauren Glynn, Baby Florence, Tina & Baby, Rebecca Woodward, Natalie Brett, Wendy Williams, Nuala Nash, Sr Mary Veronica, Paul Wooding, Pat McKenna, Ronald Boote, Carmel Brady, Eddie Head, John Ison, Chris Ison, Pat Skerritt, Debbie Colby, Paul Jobling, Ean Conway, Pat Birch, Margaret Smith, James Pawsey, Janette Woodford, Oswin Kavanagh Jackson, Eileen Kennedy, James Walker, Gerry Burke, Julie Hughes, Bridie Cave, Sarah Higgins, Mary Adderley, Bridie Scally, Una McKeown, Brigid Reilly, Anthony Davis, Mary Rooney, Doreen Parry, Oliver Ball, Theresa Rose Tedds, Helen Taylor, Alicia (Babs) Fitzpatrick, Julia O'Keefe, Gabrielle Lynagh, Eamon Hurley, Mary Hannigan, Michael Ryan, Paul Culleton, Norma and Lester, Ferdi, Theresa Rowe, Bridgid Brennan

RECENTLY DECEASED MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Henry Smith (HF) Bridget Howe (HF) Ann Magee (SF) Elizabeth Smyth (SF)

The Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Charlotte Culleton & Julie Sedgely. (Bedworth & Bulkington) Grainne Griffiths (Holy Family) contacted at: sg.sfoa.bedworth@rcaob.org.uk sg.hf.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE OF ALL THREE PARISHES IS 02476333128 OR 07701303830



St Francis



Holy Family



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity 234216

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fr Patrick Brennan P.P Fr Jinse Thomas - Assistant Fr Bernard Anwyl (At St Josephs)
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Website <http://www.stfranciscatholicprimary.co.uk>

Saturday 3rd May Weekend Mass Schedule for our Three Parishes

At St Francis		3-345 Rosary Exposition Divine Mercy Confessions
At Francis	Mass	4 00 pm Luke Andrew Tedds RIP 22nd A
At Holy Family	Mass	5 00pm John Kavanagh RIP

Sunday 4th May 3rd Sunday of Easter

At OLSH Mass	Mass	9 30 am	Dr. Pat Crosby's Ints
At Holy Family	Mass	10 00 am	Frank Mulligan RIP A
At St Francis	Mass	11 30 am	Michael Diskin RIP

Monday 5th May

Tuesday 6th May

At Holy Family	Mass	9 30 am	Maria Marcelina Fernandes RIP
At OLSH	Mass	9 30 am	Living & Dec'd members of Dodd Fam
At St Francis	Reception	6 00 pm	Elizabeth Smyth RIP

Wednesday 7th May

At Holy Family	Mass	9 30 am	Sp Int
At St Francis	Requiem	9 30 am	Elizabeth Smyth RIP

Thursday 8th May

At Holy Family	Mass	9 30 am	Nora & Michael Healy
At OLSH	Mass	9 30 am	Paul Gerard McKee RIP

Friday 9th May

At Holy Family	Mass	9 30 am	Ted & Irma Connolly RIP
At St Francis	Mass	9 30am	Anne Magee RIP

10TH MAY WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

At Holy Family	Mass	10 00 am	1st Holy Communion
At Holy Family	Mass	12 noon	1st Holy Communion
At St Francis	MASS	4.00 PM	Bernie 90th Birthday
At Holy Family	Mass	5 00 pm	Joseph O'Hara

SUNDAY 11TH MAY

At OLSH	Mass	9 30 am	Ann Ganley RIP 16th A
At Holy Family	Mass	10 00 am	Gnanaseelan Anthonimuttu, Pollinjuhat Gnanaseelan, Jerarami Joseph
At St Francis	Mass	11.30 am	Brendan Patrick O'Sullivan RIP

OLSH Bulkington News

OVER 50'S ALL WELCOME!

2ND Thursday Each Month 2:00-4:00

8th May Beetle Drive (Moira) 12th June AGM & Cake

UCM

Next Meeting Wednesday 14th May

BULKINGTON 100 CLUB

Numbers are available if you would like to join at £2.00 per month. The March draw took place at the UCM meeting last week and the numbers are 95,23 and 67 Prizes are £60, £25 and £15. See Janet Cooper.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PREPARATION- PARISH GROUPS

Please pray for all those in this year's First Communion group - Alex, Bobby, Carson, Christina, Damien, Elaine, Kajus, Klea, Jakub, Marika, Natalia, Nataniel, Sara and Theo.

DONATIONS

Many thanks for the continuing donations towards the Organ and Heating!

MASS INTENTIONS:

Please give at least 4 weeks notice and state clearly the church, if a Special Intention, or RIP, and if you would prefer a Sunday.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK:

If anyone you know is sick or housebound and would like to receive Communion, please contact the parish while sisters are away on leave. 07701303830

MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED:

Before each weekday Mass, the Rosary will be said at 9.15am. Masses at Holy Family, St Francis and OLSH are streamed live on YouTube.

GIFT AID

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NURSERY PROVISION

We have been contacted to see if there would be a possibility of a modular style nursery being built on the land between the school and the side of the Hall in the waste ground area. It would generate a rent for the parish. The proposal has been made and I would like your feedback. Nothing will go ahead without consultation and agreement from parishioners and from the diocese. There will be a meeting in the hall to look at this on Thursday 8th May at 7 00 pm.

ST FRANCIS BEDWORTH NEWS:

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHOLIC MISSION AT ST FRANCIS

Fundraising is essential to build up the fabric of the church covering maintenance and repairs and for all the work being done. As you can see the work has finished for disabled parking and designated parking for clergy and sisters in front of the presbytery, but we need to keep our fundraising going to pay for this. In the garden beyond the grotto the land has been cleared under the trees and we hope to create a memorial garden in special remembrance of deceased parishioners and loved ones. The grotto has been rejuvenated with an added water feature to represent the healing streams of Lourdes. The annual accounts are ready for this weekend on the board

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CAR PARK SPACE IN FRONT OF THE PRESBYTERY AND BY THE CHURCH IS FOR DISABLED PARKING ONLY AS WELL AS FR'S AND SISTERS CARS

EDDIE HEAD LOURDES

Eddie is travelling to Lourdes after Easter and anybody wishing to give him any petitions at the shrine please see Eddie who will gladly take your prayer requests with him.

100 CLUB TOTE

Mary Smith (Sunday) and Maureen Brennan (SAT) will be leading this fundraising event. Please support raise funds and win prizes! The 1st draw took place last weekend and the winning numbers are 1st No 86 2nd No 11 3rd prize No 24.

CHOIR

Looking forward to the 150 - year Celebration Mass with the Archbishop, we need to have a good choir. The school are more than happy to help with this but we do need adults as well. Nothing too difficult, a new Mass setting and hymns that will have a flavour of tradition and modern. The new Mass setting is being introduced at the 11.30 Sunday Mass so that everyone will have the chance to learn and be familiar with all the singing on the day. The children have begun to sing this when they come to Friday Mass in church.

Tea and Coffee after Mass in OLSH on Sundays, and on Fridays' after Mass at St Francis

BAPTISMS FOR ST FRANCIS AND OLSH

Meeting at St Francis 1st Monday of the month at 6.30 pm All those seeking a baptism must attend a meeting before booking a date.

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THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CAKE SALE £333 WAS RAISED FOR PARISH FUNDS!

POPE FRANCIS: HOPE AND MERCY

Blinking on a Vatican balcony after a conclave of decision, Francis stood there
A burden upon his shoulders, a smile on his face, a request for immediate prayer
A finite humanity on show, with a hope for mercy to refresh him like summer rain
Peace reigns when destructive stones picked up in anger are put down again
A fiery Latin temperament frustrated with humanity complicating simple living
A world gifted, one to be cared for, a song of hope found in the generosity of giving
Kissing the feet of prisoners, embracing the poorest of all, riding that conclave bus
His papacy displayed beauty in caring for the smallest of humanity, with effortless fuss
The gospel of joy, the church, a hospital for sinners, no hotel for the ambitious righteous
In the midst of despair, Jesus is there, his heart reassuring us that we are all so precious
His legacy is the expression of his own humanity trusting in the mercy of the almighty
Releasing Peter's keys, removing shoes of the fisherman...Francis now wrapped in Mercy!

Fr Patrick Brennan April 28th 2025 ©

THE VALUE OF A £50 NOTE:

A well-known speaker began a seminar by holding up a £50 note. He asked the audience, "Who would like to have this £50 note?" Hands started going up. He then said, "I am going to give this £50 to one of you, but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the £50 note up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" The hands remained in the air. "Well," he continued, "What if I do this?" He dropped it to the floor and proceeded to grind it with his shoe. He picked it up, crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still the hands were raised because the note had not decreased in value. It was still worth £50 — Many times in our lives, we feel crumpled and ground into the dirt by the decisions we have made, and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. No matter what has happened to us, however, we never lose our value in God's eyes. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we are, but from Him to whom we belong! We are special — let us never forget it! This is the lesson of today's Gospel, which tells us how Jesus chose the repentant Peter to be the leader of his Church, even though Peter had denied him three times.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS:

27th April

ST FRANCIS	BEDWORTH :	£622.66	+ Standing Orders
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart	BULKINGTON:	£312.96	+ Standing Orders
Holy Family	Coventry	£797.36	+ Standing Orders

Totals are inclusive of Gift Aid and Non Gift Aid envelope giving. They include donations given. Standing Orders vary week by week. Thank you for your generosity!

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DEANERY DIOCESE AND BEYOND.



Gracious God,
You heed our faltering prayers, spoken and unspoken.
Hear our voice above the murmurs of sorrow
seeking your still small voice of calm.
Hear our voice as we give thanks for your faithful servant
Pope Francis. May he rest in peace and rise to eternal glory!

OScott COLLEGE: Find out more about the Diocesan Seminary in Sutton Coldfield by signing up to their newsletter at www.oscott.org. April's newsletter includes an update from the Rector, some answers to frequently asked questions about discernment, a report on some of the 'Hidden Treasures' in Oscott's Museum and details of how to book a college tour. It takes less than a minute to sign up and those who do will receive a monthly newsletter as well as early access to the annual 'Oscotian Magazine'

WE BELIEVE FESTIVAL We Believe, 25th-28th July 2025, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope. Four days in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla) & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now www.webeliefefestival.com.

DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

St Osburg's 7pm to 9pm. Meeting dates, 13th May, 17th June. To find out more please email Fr Benedict fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk.

THE RELICS OF THE ULMA FAMILY At Christ the King from 12 noon on Wednesday 7th May. There will be a Mass followed with a talk about the Ulma Family. The Relics will remain in the church until 7.00pm when we will conclude with the Rosary. The whole family were murdered in Poland by the Nazis for sheltering Jewish families. They have been honoured by the Jewish Community at Yad Vashem and were beatified by Pope Benedict. They are likely to be Canonised in the near future as a family group, including an unborn child in the womb. This will be the first time the Church will have Canonised an unborn child.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS You are warmly invited to Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Secondary School, Leasowe's Ave, Coventry CV3 6BH on Tuesday 13th May at 6:00pm. We will be joined by Jacquie Stacey who will share her wealth of knowledge of Carlo's story. There will be a time of Adoration and the opportunity to venerate a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, who will become the first millennial saint. The relic, a section of his hair, offers the faithful a unique opportunity to venerate this inspiring young figure who has been hailed as a patron saint for the digital age.

HOLY FAMILY NEWS:

YOUNG AT HEART:

9.30am - 11am Thursday's in the hall. (on a two week Holiday)

LANGAR AID

All Donated food put in basket at back of church please. Thank you!

BAPTISMS

The next meeting to arrange baptisms is Tuesday 2nd June 2025 at 7 00pm.

HOLY FAMILY COVENTRY - YOUTUBE Main Stream: <https://youtu.be/6HzIE4yIJoc>

100 CLUB

Numbers are always available please support. Please remember to keep up your subscriptions as when the draw takes place if you are not up you cannot win!

MONDAY PARISH GARDEN VOLUNTEERS.

_Each Monday at 10 am

CHURCH CLEANING Last Friday each month at 5.pm

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS ROTA

Saturday	3rd May	Prashadi Rigters	10th May	Tony Stapleton
Sunday	3rd May	See Rota	3rd May	See Rota

EASTER EGG TREE

During the Lenten period from Ash Wednesday, there was a small "Egg Tree" on the sanctuary. One of our parishioners has made this. Carmel O'Sullivan and Val Grant had a box of cut out egg shaped cards, the names of loved ones was written on the back of the egg and the egg was placed on the tree in the sanctuary. £240 was raised for parish funds thank you for your support.

SUMMER FETE - SUNDAY 22ND JUNE

Raffle Tickets will be sold before and after Masses. The next meeting for those involved in organising the Summer Fete will take place 9th May this Friday at 6 pm . Please start to bring in any donations, especially bottles and chocolate for the bottle and chocolate tom-bola stalls.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CAKE SALE £303 WAS RAISED FOR PARISH FUNDS.

THANKS ALSO FOR THE DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OF £250 AND ANOTHER £250!