

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



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The Year of the Word - Sunday 15th March 2020 Third Sunday of Lent (A)

FIND OUR 'LIVING WATER' Jesus' message to the woman at the well reminds us of His first miracle at Cana where He changed water into wine. Today, He promises us "living water where we will never be thirsty again...a spring inside...welling up to eternal life". When His grace is poured into us, into our marriages, it can overflow, strengthening us, reaching out to others. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Due to urgent maintenance inside the church, St Francis of Assisi, Bedworth will remain closed until further notice.

Sat 14th March	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Exposition and Confessions. Thomas Patrick Rees RIP (Birthday) (Sheila). Sean Morley RIP (Birthday) (Ann).	Bulkington
Sun 15th	9.30am 11.30am	Peter Cartwright RIP (Anniversary) (Rita). Paddy Hughes RIP (Anniversary) (Family). Philomena Madden RIP (Edith).	Bulkington
Mon 16th	7.00pm	The Rosary.	Bulkington
Tues 17th Feast of St Patrick	9.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Deceased Appleby family RIP (Winifred). Simon Jones RIP (Birthday). Exposition and 1 hour of prayer. Funeral Service of Dorothy Joyce Buggea RIP. Cremation at HOE Crematorium.	Bulkington
Wed 18th	9.30am	Special Intention: Eileen Kennedy (Birthday) (Tedds). Special Intention: Sr Josephine Linehan SP (99th Birthday). Exposition and 1 hour of prayer.	Bulkington
Thurs 19th	9.30am 4.30pm 5.30pm 10.00am	Malcolm Miller RIP (Anniversary). Josie Devey RIP (Theresa). Exposition and 1 hour of prayer. First Holy Communion preparation in Parish Hall. Confirmation preparation in Parish Hall Play and Stay Group meet in Parish Hall.	Bulkington Bedworth
Fri 20th	11.00am 7.00pm	Sr Brigid Breen RIP. Exposition and 1 hour of prayer. Lenton Lunch after Mass. Now <u>Cancelled</u> until later in the year. Stations of the Cross.	Bulkington
Sat 21st	10.00am 3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Lent Day of Recollection. Now <u>Cancelled</u> until later in the year. Exposition and Confessions. Fr Terry Luxon RIP (Anniversary).	Bulkington
Sun 22nd	9.30am 11.30am	Sidney, Dinah & Allan Howkins RIP (Anniversary) (Terence). Reg Thomas RIP (Birthday) (Margaret). Fr Bob Wright RIP.	Bulkington

ANNIVERSARIES

Mgr Daniel Kelly, Rev William Madden, Rev Patrick Maguire, Rev Andrew Brennan, Deacon Thomas Ashcroft, Archbishop Bernard Ullathorne, Horace Goode, Winnie Appleby, Bernadette Moore, Arthur Nichol, Jack Kennedy, Brian Devlin, Lily Jackson, William Harte, Richard McCarrroll, Sylvia Merriman, Maureen Walsh, June Price, Margaret Mockford, Louise Gissane, John Brogan, James Kelly, James Frank Garratt, Carole Claridge, Alec Abell, Malcolm English, Charlotte Dargie, Mitch Moore, Joan Allen, Peggy Chilton, Baby Thomas Reilly, Ann Peat, Elsie Richards.

RECENTLY DEAD

Canon Peter Taylor, Father Bob Wright, Joyce Buggea RIP.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS - Norman Barr, William Walton, Peter Moore, Cath Hurley, Janet Pittam, Bridie Guilfoyle, Sue Owen, Dale Cox, Joyce Cotterill, Jean Kimber, John Burns, Lauren Glynn, Baby Florence, Mgr Graham Wilkinson, Fr Gerry Doyle, Tina & Baby, Ann Allsop, Paul Cooper, Rebecca Woodward, Natalie Brett, Wendy and Bryn Williams, Val Maund, Raymond and Nuala Nash, Tony Pittam, Jess Scoffham, Maria Dixon, Margaret Smith, Sr Mary Veronica, Jane Goodyear, Paul Wooding, Joan McKenna, Pat McKenna, Horace Birch.

THE ROSARY is recited every Monday evening at 7.00pm in Bulkington and every Friday morning at Bedworth at 9.10am. For information regarding **BAPTISM**, please see our parish website at www.olshweston.org. **HOSPITALS** For George Eliot Hospital - Fr Matthew Pittam on 01788 833547 and if it is urgent please contact the hospital switchboard (024 7635 1351) and ask to speak to the on-call chaplain. For University Hospital, Coventry and Myton Hospice contact St Osburg's on 024 7622 0402.

DEDICATING ENGLAND AGAIN TO THE 'DOWRY OF MARY' Mary's Dowry-England has been known as the 'Dowry of Mary' for up to 1,000 years, going back to the time of St Edward the Confessor (1042-1066), in whose reign the replica of the Holy House of Nazareth was built. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, 1381, King Richard II dedicated England to Mary as 'her dowry.' He went on pilgrimage to Walsingham two years later. And so, for 1,000 years, Walsingham has been the great shrine of prayer and pilgrimage for the people of this country in honour of Our Lady. On 29th March 2020, England will be rededicated as the 'Dowry of Mary.' This will happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish and in as many homes as possible. We prepare for this by praying the Angelus after each Mass and encouraging parishioners to use this prayer in their lives.

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

SCHOOL NEWS Dear All, We started Lent by raising money for Mary Ann Evans Hospice in memory of Pete. We had our biggest ever donation of cakes and our cake sale lasted over a week! The children are now focusing on raising money, so children in hospital can access books and story tellers. As always the school's days are very busy, this week we had a visit from a Professor who as a child attended St Francis. After Easter he will be coming into school to work with children and to help to inspire their learning. Recently the children have been very successful at local cross country events, some children have started to learn how to play ping pong and lots are enjoying competing in local football matches. The children are working hard, and of course washing their hands regularly! *Charlotte Culleton.*

ST FRANCIS BEDWORTH An update on St Francis. A site inspection of the drains will take place on Wednesday 18th March, hoping to move things forward.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2020 – 10.00 AM-3.00PM We look forward to welcoming Fr John Udris, Spiritual Director to Oscott College. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be provided. It would be nice to have a few volunteers to make the Tea! There will be a basket to invite donations to go towards covering the cost of the day. This is up to your own discretion and is purely voluntary. All welcome but could I please ask you to sign the sheet at the back of church to ascertain numbers. Now Cancelled until later in the year.

LENT 2020 As this year is focussed on the Word of God and the initiative of "The God who speaks" I would encourage all families to read at least a sentence or verse of Scripture each day. If families would like to purchase a Bible to read at home we can do that for you. Just ask myself or one of the sisters! During the weekdays of Lent there will be one hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament after each of the weekday Masses in both parishes. Please do your best to use this time well to become closer to the Lord in Lent! The Walk with me books are available and are free at the back of Church. Please take a copy for yourself and invite a friend to join us in the journey during Lent. We will use them everyday at Mass. During Lent after each weekday Mass there will be an opportunity for one hours silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (Exposition). As it's the year of the "God who Speaks" focus on some scripture each day. Do try to do you best to spend a little time with the Lord during this time. "Prayer can move mountains".

LENTEN LUNCH on Friday 20th March after Mass, Soup and Sweet. All welcome. Tickets available at £5.00 after Mass or contact telephone 02476 317980. Now Cancelled until later in the year.

DUE TO COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS), sensible measures will be taken on advice from the Bishop's Conference of England & Wales for our safety. Removing all Holy water from the Holy

Water stoop, wash hands before coming to Mass for at least 20 seconds, no Offertory Procession, Holy Communion given in one kind only-the Host being received only in the hand for the time being, omitting the Sign of Peace for the time being!

GIFT AID Gift Aid donors are requested to update our parish Gift Aid Organisers (Penny Harding on 07445 336573 (Bedworth) or Aileen Andrews 024 7638 5344 or Margaret Preedy 024 7635 4557 (Bulkington)) with any changes to their address or tax situation so that accurate records may be kept.

BORN FOR THIS St Thomas More Catholic Academy & Sixth Form College. In light of the current circumstances surrounding the COVID -19 virus, as a precautionary measure we have postponed the production of 'Born for This' on 28th March and cancelled the Mother's day afternoon tea on 20th March.

God Bless

Fr. Michael

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For Sunday 8th March 2020 **£407.28**

CAFOD **£310.48**

Thank you very much.

100 CLUB (MARCH)

1st **60**, 2nd **19**, 3rd **10**. Why not join the 100 Club! For just 50p per week (£2 per month, paid monthly) you could win a 1st Prize of £60, a 2nd Prize of £25, or a 3rd Prize of £15. Please see Janet or Terence. Many thanks for supporting the 100 Club.

The **PIETY SHOP** will be open after weekend Masses. A large selection of gifts, cards, etc. are available.

UCM JUMBLE SALE Many thanks to all who gave and helped at our recent Jumble Sale which raised £281.00 for church funds. Thank you. UCM meet on Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

READERS ROTA

Sun 15th March - Roy & Beverly Hawkins

Sun 22nd March - G. Cullen

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART DIARY

Over 50s Meetings now Cancelled until later in the year..

Lenten Lunch Fri 20th March after Mass.

First Holy Communion Sunday 17th May 2020 at 9.30am.

Confirmation Sunday 14th June 2020 at 9.30am.

Summer Fete Sun 5th July at 10.30am in Parish Hall.

ST FRANCIS of ASSISI, BEDWORTH

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For Sunday 8th March 2020 **£422.57**

CAFOD **£246.65**

Restoration Fund: **£50.00**

Thank you very much.

100 CLUB (MARCH)

1st **14**, 2nd **66**, 3rd **20**. Bedworth 100 club is back! Why not join? For just £1 per week you could win a 1st Prize of £80, a 2nd Prize of £50, or a 3rd Prize of £30. Please see Maureen Brennan or Mary Smith if you would like to join.

READERS ROTA

Sat 14th March - M. Ison / D. Simmons

Sun 15th March - M. Jones / Sister Mary Jane