

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



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## The Year of the Word - Sunday 20th September 2020 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church is open for Public Masses - 30 INDIVIDUAL people but more if there is a family or individuals from the same household. FROM 8TH AUGUST 2020 FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES IT IS **COMPULSORY TO WEAR A FACE COVERING UNLESS YOU HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION WHERE YOU ARE UNABLE TO WEAR ONE. PLEASE DON'T FEEL EMBARRASSED ABOUT THIS. YOU ARE WELCOME!** FOR TRACK AND TRACE PLEASE GIVE OR LEAVE YOU NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER. THANK YOU! Please follow the directions of the voluntary stewards, sanitising your hands both on entry and exit of the church and keeping 2 metres social distance. Please note: the weekend Masses will be at the following times, Saturday Vigil Mass at 4.00pm, Sunday Masses at 9.30am and 10.30am in Bulkington.

Sat 19th Sept	3.15 to 3.45pm 4.00pm	Exposition and silent prayer. Phil Patrick RIP (Tubb).	Bulkington
Sun 20th	9.30am 10.30am	Alice Wilkinson RIP (Norma & Lester). Terry Short RIP (1st Anniversary) (Pat). Patricia Culleton RIP (Sisters).	Bulkington
Mon 21st		No Mass.	Bulkington
Tues 22nd	9.30am	Reg Thomas RIP (Margaret). Holy Souls RIP.	Bulkington
Wed 23rd	9.30am	Peter Rochford RIP (Tubb).	Bulkington
Thurs 24th	9.30am	Mr Anthonypillai Mary Joseph RIP (20th Anniversary) (Moira). Holy Souls.	Bulkington
Fri 25th	9.30am	Special Intention: Einstein's 40th Birthday – In Thanksgiving. Holy Souls.	Bulkington
Sat 26th	3.15 to 3.45pm 4.00pm	Exposition and Silent Prayer. Bernard Ison RIP. Holy Souls.	Bulkington
Sun 27th	9.30am 10.30am	Agnes Campbell RIP (Anniversary (Cullen). Patricia Culleton RIP (Mary Smith). Pro Populo.	Bulkington

### ANNIVERSARIES

Rev John David Steward, Canon David Mellor, Rev John Hanrahan, Rev John Roddy, Rev Bernard McAllister, Rev John Love, Canon Leo Twiney, Rev Peter Lloyd, Canon Albert JJ Adams, Rev John Bale, Deacon Michael McCormack, Rev Gordon Banks, Mgr Michael McTernan, Rev Paul Orchard, Canon Peter Reilly, Deacon Jim Gilligan, Bill Goodyear, Mary Jane Thomas, Terry Short, George O'Brien, Nell Lewin, Alice Wilkinson, Mary O'Donovan, William McGonagle, Kathleen Dwyer, Ellen Mary Marsden,

### RECENTLY DEAD

Michael Craig, Two members of the Stokes family, Derek Smedley, Jean Lawrence RIP.

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS** - Julie Friel, Fr David Bazen, Paul Tedds, Mary Evans, Brendan Murnin, Theo Reilly, Joshua Gallagher, Fr Michael Stack, Ann Magee, Norman Barr, William Walton, Peter Moore, Cath Hurley, Janet Pittam, Bridie Guilfoyle, Sue Owen, Dale Cox, Joyce Cotterill, Jean Kimber, Lauren Glynn, Baby Florence, Mgr Graham Wilkinson, Fr Gerry Doyle, Tina & Baby, Ann Allsop, Paul Cooper, Rebecca Woodward, Natalie Brett, Wendy and Bryn Williams, Raymond and Nuala Nash, Tony Pittam, Maria Dixon, Margaret Smith, Sr Mary Veronica, Jane Goodyear, Paul Wooding, Joan

**GIFT AID / CHURCH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS AND OFFERINGS** AT THIS TIME NO INCOME IS COMING INTO THE PARISH AT ALL. ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE AND RUNNING COSTS STILL HAVE TO BE PAID FOR. MAY I ASK YOU TO EITHER POST YOUR ENVELOPES THROUGH THE PRESBYTERY DOOR OR SAVE YOUR OFFERINGS EACH WEEK. ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN MAKE A STANDING ORDER TO EITHER PARISH. SOME HAVE DONE THIS ALREADY AND I THANK YOU. IF YOU EMAIL ME ([michaelgamble1@btinternet.com](mailto:michaelgamble1@btinternet.com)) I WILL SEND YOU THE PARISH DETAILS SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SET THIS UP EASILY WITH YOUR BANK.

### STEWARDS/CLEANERS

Sat 19th September 2020 (4.00pm): DAPHNE TAYLOR, COLIN CHATWIN, MAUREEN BRENNAN  
Sun 20th September 2020 (9.30am): DAPHNE TAYLOR, CHRISTINE TUNICLIFFE, RAY SIMMONDS  
Sun 20th September 2020 (10.30am): KAT SEDGLEY, JULIE RIDDELL, LAURA KANE  
Sat 26th September 2020 (4.00pm): HELENE WILLIAMS, DAPHNE TAYLOR, COLIN CHATWIN  
Sun 27th September 2020 (9.30am): RAY SIMMONDS, ANGELA SANDERSON, BOB DARLESTON  
Sun 27th September 2020 (10.30am): NATALIE SUGRUE, JAYSON DODD, MIKE KELLY  
Without volunteers for stewards, public Masses will not be able to take place as we will be unable to fulfil statutory H&S guidance. Please see Fr Michael or the Sisters if you can help. People over 70 or who are vulnerable are excluded.

**NUNEATON AND DISTRICT CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP** The annual sponsored walk due to take place in Oct 2020 has been cancelled. As a result of this, the workings of the Nuneaton and District Catholic Fellowship will not be adversely affected. We thank you for your support in the past and we hope to resume the walk in 2021.

**RE-OPENING OF OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART FOR MASS - INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARISHIONERS**

We are pleased to announce that Our Lady of the Sacred Heart will re-open its doors for Mass from this Saturday 4th July 2020. During the weeks ahead, Mass will take place at the following times:

Saturdays 4.00pm

Sundays 9.30am and 10.30am

Tues-Fri 9.30am

As you will no doubt expect, we have gone to great lengths to help to ensure the safety of yourselves and other parishioners, and as a result, created a number of measures listed below that we require all parishioners to follow when coming to church to celebrate Mass.

- Please only enter through the main church doors. The side chapel door is not to be used.

- Please do not touch any door handles whilst moving through the building, all doors will be propped open.

- Please do not touch any statues in and around the church.

- When you arrive outside church, please queue using the markers on the floor, this queuing system will maintain social distance.

- You will be greeted at the entrance by a trained volunteer (steward) who will direct you into church when it is your turn.

- A steward will ask you to sanitise your hands and read all of the signs in the foyer.

- The steward will direct you to another steward who will direct you to your seat/s, filling up from the front of the church. Please follow the stewards and their instructions as to where you can sit.

- There will be one person per pew – seated at different ends – please see the signs on the seats

- No standing will be allowed.

- Household groups/bubbles will be permitted to share a pew at the front of the church. Where possible we ask that members of the same household/bubble attend the same Mass in order to maximise the number of people in church.

- When in church, please maintain silence where possible.

- It is very important that parishioners do not move around the church once the steward has shown you to your seats. Please remain seated and do not use the kneelers.

- Please follow the signage and do not touch any statues, door handles etc.

- If children attend Mass, please ensure that they stay seated with you and follow the 'No Touching' rules in place.

- When Mass begins, singing is not permitted although prayer responses are. Hand-shaking is also not permitted during the sign of peace.

- All parishioners must stay seated to receive Holy Communion. The Priest or Sister will move around the church to give Holy Communion. Please receive the host with outstretched arm and on your hand only.

- A collection will take place, we ask that you place your donation on the collection plate when exiting the church. Alternatively, we welcome donations via standing order.

- The stewards will dismiss you at the end of Mass. Please remain silent until you have fully exited church.

- In order to exit church, you will be directed to walk through the main church doors starting from the back pews.

- There will be no lighting of candles permitted.

- There will be no toilet facilities available.

- Please respect the stewards; they are volunteering their time to help the church community and to keep you safe. The church has a reduced capacity due to social distancing regulations. We recommend that you arrive from 15 minutes before Mass to enable the stewards sufficient time to implement health and safety measures. Places in church will be allocated on a first-come-first-served-basis.

- Please maintain a minimum safe distance of 2 metres from others at all times.

- It is now compulsory to wear face coverings for the safety of yourselves and other parishioners and we are still operating the 2m distance rule.

- If you are not working, please come to a weekday Mass to leave space for those who are working to attend Mass at the weekend.

- If you are feeling unwell or have any other symptoms, please stay at home and rest, following government guidelines.

- Please call the Parish office on 024 7631 2293 if you develop symptoms of Covid-19 after attending Mass and follow government guidelines.

- Please remember, at present the Sunday Obligation has been lifted and any Mass will fulfil your obligation.

- As there are only a limited number of places available, Masses will continue to be live streamed. Anyone attending Mass does so at their own risk.

NB: There will be a MAXIMUM of 30 people per Mass.

**These guidelines and the guidelines for stewards are available on our parish website.**

**CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES** Thank you to everyone who has offered to help with knitting hats, scarves and gloves for this year's Christmas Shoe Box appeal. We still have some of the donated wool left for anyone who is interested. Despite the current restrictions we have managed to pack 1000 boxes so far for boys and girls in the 3 - 14 years age group. This year, more than ever, the children will rely on our support. If you can knit or crochet and would like to have some wool delivered to and collected from your door please call 02476327330 or email [cogs3561@hotmail.com](mailto:cogs3561@hotmail.com). Thanks for your ongoing support.

**SCHOOL NEWS** Dear all, This week our Reception children started school for the first time. Covid 19 means that everything looks very different for our children, the routines, and systems in place for keeping everyone safe mean people must follow lots of rules and show lots of patience. Our new children and their families have done brilliantly, the first week has been very exciting for the children. It is truly amazing how very young children have adapted so quickly to following safety rules. In years to come they will certainly look back at a very unusual start to their school life! As a school we are meeting together to pray via zoom and celebrating Mass via the parish webcams. As always, the children remember the parish in their prayers. *Charlotte Culleton.*

**CARDINAL GRIFFIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE**, Cannock, is seeking to appoint a Lay Chaplain. Details are on the College website <https://www.cardinalgriffin.org.uk/>.

Firstly may I apologise for those who were not able to get into Mass last Sunday because of the restriction of numbers in the church. The fairest way is a "First come First served" basis. The high standards of safety and of cleaning that we continue to maintain are for everybody's safety as you will appreciate. Sadly because of the new ruling of 6 outside we have to be careful that groups don't gather at the Grotto. You can say the Rosary at Home for the time being. Thank you to everyone for their consideration and care taken within the Church at Mass for the safety of us all. Thank you to the stewards for their hard work and dedication that make the opening of Church possible. There is now a Rota for October in the porch on which you can sign up for a slot. FROM MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER the Government restriction of NO MORE THAN SIX PEOPLE TO MEET OUTSIDE IN A GROUP OR INSIDE FOR PRIVATE GATHERINGS came into force. The restriction of people in places of worship is unchanged. We can have 30 individuals at a 2 metre distance in church, now all wearing face coverings as the norm if you don't have a medical condition. If there are a family group or people from the same household we can accommodate more depending on each individual circumstance. Governmental Guidelines are changing all the time so we have to be vigilant and of course abide by the latest restriction and law. I thank you for your co-operation in these challenging times. We will look at Baptisms later on. Also First Holy Communion and Confirmations but these will take a little while to co-ordinate with the limited numbers etc. Please be patient!

**ST FRANCIS CHURCH – BEDWORTH AT LAST WE ARE MOVING FORWARD! THIS WEEK I RECEIVED THE QUOTES FOR THE HEATING FOR THE SISTERS AND NOW THAT THE DRAIN PEOPLE ARE NOW OUT OF QUARANTINE A SITE MEETING IS GOING TO BE ARRANGED TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE DRAINS AROUND THE SITE. I WILL OF COURSE KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY MORE PROGRESS. ST FRANCIS PRAY FOR US.**

**With our Best wishes and prayers,  
Fr Michael, Fr Mathew and the Sisters.**

## PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANADEMIC

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

*Pope Francis*

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Mary Mother of Jesus  
Help us to reflect on you through this difficult time  
We will listen to you as we do in church lead us through this  
month safely  
Help us all to see our way though help the people who are  
suffering greatly  
Please keep us all together, please help us find strength and  
understanding  
Mary Mother of Jesus we Pray to you  
Amen

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