

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



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The Year of the Word - Sunday 18th October 2020 Twenty Ninth 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 28TH AUGUST 2020 FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES ONLY 6 MAX CAN MEET OUTSIDE OF MASS. NOW ONLY 15 PEOPLE FOR WEDDINGS, 6 FOR BAPTISMS. 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 17th Oct	3.15 to 3.45pm 4.00pm	Exposition and silent prayer. Peter Yates RIP (M & J Richards).	Bulkington
Sun 18th	9.30am 10.30am	Reg Thomas RIP Anniversary (Family). Special Intention: James Craig (80th Birthday). For the People of the Parish.	Bulkington
Mon 19th		No Mass.	Bulkington
Tues 20th	9.30am	Special Intention: Sadie (Marie).	Bulkington
Wed 21st	9.30am 12 noon	NO PUBLIC MASS. Funeral Mass – Joan Ritchie RIP.	Bulkington
Thurs 22nd	9.30am 10.15am	NO PUBLIC MASS. Funeral Mass – Terence Smith RIP.	Bulkington
Fri 23rd	9.30am	Special Intention: Margaret Thomas (Birthday).	Bulkington
Sat 24th	3.15 to 3.45pm 4.00pm	Exposition and Silent Prayer. In Thanksgiving – Celebrant's Intentions.	Bulkington
Sun 25th	9.30am 10.30am	Special Intention: Roy & Beverley Hawkins – 40th Wedding Anniversary. Mary Johnson RIP.	Bulkington

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev John Francis Hughes, Rev Aidan White-Spunner, Mgr Bernard Stephen O'Connor, Rev Brendan Byrne, Rev Thomas Burbage, Rev John Murray, Rev John Galcius, Rev Jerome Bertram, Kathleen Metcalf, Ethel Cartwright, Bob Delves, Don Wade, Joyce Grounds Crisp, Sarah Alexander, Joe Nolan, Bob Beaufoy, Kay O'Neill, Richard John Thomas, Mary Kate Treacy, Thomas Bruce, Lisa Anne Huxley.

RECENTLY DEAD

Terence Peter Smith, Gillian Reilly, Mary Teresa Johnson, Kevin Cullen, Gerry Higgenbottom, Joan Ritchie RIP
May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS - Carmel, Mr Roe, Julie Friel, Fr David Bazen, Paul Tedds, Mary Evans, Brendan Murnin, 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 McKenna, Pat McKenna.

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) I WILL SEND YOU THE PARISH DETAILS SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SET THIS UP EASILY WITH YOUR BANK.

ONE WORLD WEEK 18-25 OCTOBER the Annual Intercultural Mass goes online this year as an Intercultural Celebration prepared by the Ethnic chaplaincies in the Diocese. It will be available on the Diocesan Website this coming week. Do make a point of setting time aside to pray for peace in the world with the many nations that now make up the Diocesan Family. There is lovely music, prayers, readings and greetings in the many languages of our Community. Blessings come from Archbishop Bernard, Bishop Mar Joseph of the Syro Malabar Rite and Bishop Eparch Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Eparchy.

THE ROSARY As we continue to enjoy these Sunny Autumn days (mostly) let us remember to do our best and say the Rosary each day during this month of October dedicated to Our Lady. It is lovely to have the school join us for Mass virtually during the week. Please keep the staff and the pupils along with our extended 'St Francis School Family' in your prayers at this time.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES Despite Covid restrictions that have prevented us from meeting in a group of 12 to prepare and pack shoe boxes this year, we have been working in a socially distanced way, 2 to a room or outside on a driveway when the weather has allowed. Last year we sent 2700 boxes to deprived children in Romania, Belarus and Bosnia and, this year, have already prepared almost 2000. Thank you to all the ladies in Bedworth, Bulkington and Nuneaton who have been knitting beautiful hats, scarves and gloves in the meantime.

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.**

SCHOOL NEWS We began this week by reflecting on the life

of Blessed Carlo Acutis. He tried to live his short life in the way our patron St Francis lived his. At his own request he was buried in Assisi when he died aged only 15 years. Last weekend he was beatified. The children were enthralled to learn how such a young person could live a full life dedicated to Jesus. They can relate to a young computer loving, trainer wearing boy. He used the internet to spread his faith, he is an inspiration to us all during this unusual and difficult time. As always the children remember the parish in their prayers. *Charlotte Culleton.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020 This year it was a great sadness when First Holy Communion was postponed due to Lockdown. We are delighted to say we now have a plan in place for First Holy Communion to be received by the children who should have received it in May. Fr Michael will celebrate special Masses just for First Holy Communion children in November and December.

The following dates will be available:-

Saturday 7th November 11.00am

Saturday 21st November 2020 11.00am

Saturday 28th November 2020 11.00am

Saturday 5th December 2020 11.00am

Saturday 12th December 2020 11.00am

First Holy Communion Masses will take place at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Bulkington. 6 Children will receive their First Holy Communion each Saturday. In order to comply with COVID 19 regulations only parents and siblings of the child receiving First Holy Communion may attend. Wider family members are welcome to join us on the live webcam and to pray from home. Please be respectful of this restriction as it is place to ensure the safety of all. All adults are required to wear face coverings and follow the COVID 19 guidance on seating and use of hand gel. Please contact Mrs Sedgley via class Dojo to sign up for a date. Dates will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, please show understanding if your preferred date is already booked. We aim to make these occasions as special and prayerful as possible. Thank you so much, for all the patience you have shown and your great understanding in this matter.

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS November is traditionally the month when we especially remember our deceased loved ones. There will be a basket at the back of Church for you to place the names of your deceased loved ones in a sealed envelope with "Holy Souls" written on the front of the envelope. We will then transfer these to a basket near the Altar, so that all the names can be included in all of the Masses during November. If you would like to make a donation please put this in a SEPARATE Envelope marked "Donation for The Holy Souls". On Monday 2nd November "The Commemoration of the Holy Souls" Mass will be at 9.30 am. As well as our usual number allowed at Mass, the Mass will be live streamed so many can join us. I will read out the names of all who have died in the Parish this year and light a candle for all of them. This will replace the Candle-lighting ceremony this year as the Government restrictions will not allow these numbers to come together. As a point of interest our live streaming numbers are working out to be around 847 per day!

ST FRANCIS CHURCH, BEDWORTH - AN UPDATE AT LAST WE HAVE MOVED FORWARD. THE HEATING SYSTEM FOR THE SISTERS HAS BEEN SORTED. THANK GOODNESS. THE ARCHITECT AND THE DRAINS SPECIALIST CAME TO ACCESS THE SITE. ON THE CIVIC HALL SIDE OF THE CHURCH THE DOWN PIPES ON THAT SIDE ARE NOT GOING INTO ANY DRAINAGE THEREFORE ALL THE WATER THAT THE GROUND CANNOT TAKE IS SEEPING BACK INTO THE BUILDING. THE DRAINS ON THE PRESBYTERY SIDE OF THE CHURCH ARE THEREFORE ONLY TAKING HALF OF THE WATER FROM THE ROOF. THEREFORE ALL THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM HAS TO BE MODIFIED ASAP. THE OLD WELL AT THE BACK OF THE PRESBYTERY ALSO IS GOING TO BE INVESTIGATED BY A CIVIL ENGINEER AS NOT ALL THE WATER IS GETTING AWAY CAUSING ALL THE DAMP. THIS WILL BE AT A COST OF £3,000. I HAVE AGREED TO THIS PART. HOWEVER FOLLOWING THIS I HAVE INSISTED UPON A FULL AND ACCURATE COSTING OF THE WORKS TO BE DONE THAT WILL HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO THE DIOCESE FOR APPROVAL BEFORE OTHER WORK IS UNDERAKEN. NEGOTIATIONS I UNDERSTAND ARE CONTINUING WITH THE THE SALE OF THE PARISH HALL OVER THE ROAD. I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NOTHING CONCRETE ON OFFER AT THIS TIME BUT I HAVE HEARD OF A FEW PARTIES THAT ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING THE SITE. I WILL OF COURSE KEEP YOU INFORMED OF AND GIVE YOU WEEKLY UPDATES OF ANY PROGRESS. PLEASE KEEP THIS IN YOUR PRAYERS. 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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