

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



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Sunday 11th April 2021 Divine Mercy Sunday - Second Sunday of Easter (B)

NB. DUE TO URGENT STRUCTURAL WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN AT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI BEDWORTH ALL MASSES AND CEREMONIES WILL TAKE PLACE IN BULKINGTON UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. ALL Masses will be LIVE STREAMED: Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell for any reason. See our website Our Lady of the Sacred Heart & St Francis of Assisi (www.olshweston.org).

Sat 10th Apr	4.00pm	Thanksgiving – Nikki Head Recovery (Eddie). Pro Populo.	Bulkington
Sun 11th	9.30am 10.30am	Michael & Peggy Ruddy RIP - Anniversary (Eileen). John Chesterton RIP – 70th birthday (Kate & Family). Pro Populo.	Bulkington
Mon 12th		No Mass	Bulkington
Tues 13th	9.30am	Patrick & Patricia O'Donnell RIP.	Bulkington
Wed 14th	9.30am	Sonny Ganley RIP (Chedlow). Bernard Ison RIP – 2nd Anniversary (Margaret).	Bulkington
Thurs 15th	9.30am	David Connearn RIP - 1st Anniversary (Family). The Breen Family & Deceased Family members (Kathleen).	Bulkington
Fri 16th	10.00am 11.30am	No Public Mass. Funeral Mass of Joan Grantham. Burial: Marston Lane.	Bulkington
Sat 17th	4.00pm	Isabella Cranbrooke RIP (Anniversary).	Bulkington
Sun 18th	9.30am 10.30am	Molly Kelly RIP (Abell). Pro Populo.	Bulkington

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Joseph Barr, Rev Michael McManus, Rev Wilfrid Sheeran, Canon Bernard Gerald Hodgson, Rev Walter Edwards, Rev Anthony Browne, Rev Peter Moore, Gerry Butler, Terry O'Brien, Horace Birch, Agnieszka Dziliba, Isabella Cranbrook, Margaret Folan, Jessie Gardner, Kenneth Wright, Raymond Probert, Maureen Huggins, Cath Gallagher, Ann McNulty, Bernard Ison, Austin O'Malley, Aidan Lawlor, David James Connearn, Tom Cronin, Mary O'Neill-Foulger, David Owen.

RECENTLY DEAD

HRH Prince Philip, Mary Connelley, Joan Grantham, Clare Reece RIP.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS - Sue Atkins, Natalie Sugrue, Aileen Glynn, Yvonne Neale, John, Sean & Tammy Jones, Dianah Gillias, Maureen Harrison, 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, 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 Williams, Raymond and Nuala Nash, Tony Pittam, Maria Dixon, Margaret Smith, Sr Mary Veronica, Jane Goodyear, Paul Wooding, Joan McKenna, Pat McKenna.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Please do keep sending your weekly Offerings that can be placed either through the Presbytery door in Bedworth or in Bulkington. WE ONLY NEED THE LATEST DATED ENVELOPE WITH COLLECTION IN. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SENDING EMPTY ENVELOPES. PLEASE CAN I ASK YOU NOT TO DO THIS. THANK YOU. The Sisters will make sure I get any Post or Offerings. Alternatively you can make a Direct debit payment by Standing order. If you would like the Bank details please contact me.

Diocesan Newsletter To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email. Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

Bulkington 100 CLUB (March 2021) 1st 26, 2nd 69, 3rd 95. Next Draw is in April. Numbers are available if you would like to join at £2.00 per month. 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 to everyone for supporting the 100 Club at this difficult time.

SCHOOL NEWS Dear All, Over the past year so many things have changed. As a school family we have embraced technology in so many ways. I can't believe how proficient we have become in 12 months. Our year 3 and 4 children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion, recorded a beautiful version of the Stations of the Cross. The children have joined together virtually each day of Holy week to pray the stations. As we enter a second Easter time, we are amazed here at school at how the children take real joy from the simple things in life. Giving thanks for a sunny day, a newly pumped-up football and being truly excited that Helen our cook is making fish wraps for Fishy Friday lunch. The children see clearly that there are many people in the world in real need, suffering sadness and loneliness. This Easter, as staff we are taking our lead from the children and giving thanks for the little things in life, and praying for those experiencing sadness, grief and worry. We wish you all a very happy and holy Easter.

ST FRANCIS CHURCH, BEDWORTH - AN UPDATE Finally I have received costings from Tarnia the Architect of the Church project, new costings amount to £192K plus a costings for new main entrance doors to the Church. This is much more realistic than what was originally quoted. These costs have now been sent to the Diocese for approval and then the work can start once approval is given. Thank you for your continued generosity to St Francis. PLEASE KEEP ST FRANCIS IN YOUR PRAYERS. ST FRANCIS PRAY FOR US.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS Thank you for all those who have signed up for the First Holy Communions so far.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS BEDWORTH How the Good Neighbours scheme works. We simply match older people who need a bit of friendship with a volunteer in their community who shares some of their spare time to chat to them and befriend them. We also run and fund friendship and hobby clubs for older people, and can help people find the right club for them. We can inform older people about other services that could be useful to them, such as personal alarms and fire safety checks. To ensure that everyone stays safe, we ask people for emergency contact details, information about any special needs and some safety details about home environments for home visits. Due to COVID-19, for a home visit volunteers must be able to sit 2m away from clients in the house. Client and volunteer information is kept confidential. For more details see our parish website www.olshweston.org.

AN EASTER REFLECTION *The Easter Liturgy is full of rich beauty and symbolism. One of the special symbols of Easter is the Paschal Candle that remains in the Sanctuary until Pentecost Sunday. It is an important symbol of Jesus who said 'I am the light of the World'. Christ's teaching illuminates our hearts and minds and helps us to repent of the darkness of sin. His light reveals God as our true Father who loves us with an unconditional love. The light of Christ can transform our lives and revivify our own love. This symbolism is dramatically enacted in the Liturgy of the Easter Vigil and light of the tall Paschal Candle serves as a representation of Christ risen, who overcame death and the power of evil, bringing us the hope of Eternal Life. May this Easter 2021 help us to walk as a faith filled community in the light of the Risen Christ. May the Risen Lord free us from the terrible Covid pandemic and bring us new hope in the light Jesus offers each one of us.*

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL! *Firstly, can I thank you all for making Easter so special this year. Although things had to be much simpler, it was all very well supported and extremely prayerful. One of the nicest Easter's that we have had in recent years! The Church looks magnificent and I have received many emails, messages and phone calls with many lovely comments about the Church. As you know it doesn't just happen and takes many hours of preparation. I would like to thank all those involved in this wonderful creation of beauty. You indeed did us proud. Thank you also*

to the Organists and stewards too! Once again, I am also very grateful to David Garratt and thank him for organising and installing the "Big Screen" into the Hall to enable more people within the current restrictions and guidelines to join together in the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies. The screen will be kept in place to allow a max of 40 plus more people to come physically to the weekend Masses in the Parish Hall and receive Holy Communion.

Myself, Fr Mathew and the Sisters would like to Thank you for your generosity to us this Easter. It is very much appreciated. May the Lord Bless you all!

Fr Michael