

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



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## Sunday 25th April 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter (B) World Day of Prayer for Vocations - Good Shepherd Sunday

Today we welcome our children for the start of our First Holy Communions. One child at each Mass. **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](http://www.olshweston.org)).**

<b>Sat 24th Apr</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	Martin Jones RIP – 7th Anniversary (Gill). Joan Grantham RIP (Eileen Kennedy).	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Sun 25th</b>	<b>9.30am 10.30am</b>	Ada & John William Gamble RIP (Anniversary). Michael Donoghue RIP (Tubb). Robert Murden RIP – 1st Anniversary (Meyrick family).	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Mon 26th</b>		No Mass	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Tues 27th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Christina Smith RIP (J & M Richards). Special Intention: Joyce Hunter Lorenza.	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Wed 28th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Janina Kijewska RIP (Helen Taylor).	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Thurs 29th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe.</b> Sadie Doel RIP (Crosby). Special Intention: Margaret Thomas & Family (Garrett).	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Fri 30th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Special Intention: Joan & Mick Richards (Garrett). Mollie Doyle RIP (D Craig).	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Sat 1st May</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	Isabella McFarlene RIP (Duncan). Special Intention: Sheila Rees.	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Sun 2nd</b>	<b>9.30am 10.30am</b>	Robert Moynihan RIP - 3rd Anniversary (Sheila & Anne-Marie Moynihan). For the Sick.	<b>Bulkington</b>

### ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Joseph Bernard Hickson, Rev Peter Cooney, Rev Peter Heath, Deacon James Fantham, Rev Thomas William O'Connor, Clara Haddon, Michael Tynan, Robert Murden, Ada Annie Gamble, Mr Neale, Denis (Dinny) Gissane, Andrew Robinson, Ena Hughes, Helen McGuinness, Ester Colgan, Sr Odilia Grogan, Freda Dumbleton, Wilf Dewis, Nancy Smith, John Ross.

### RECENTLY DEAD

Theresa (Tess) Wilson RIP.

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS** - Richard Beardsley and Julie Wastie-Beardsley, Natalie Sugrue, Aileen Glynn, Yvonne Neale, Dianah Gillias, Carmel, Mr Roe, Julie Friel, Paul Tedds, Mary Evans, 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, 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, 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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news) to sign up.

**Bulkington 100 CLUB** (April 2021) 1st 14, 2nd 08, 3rd 95. Next Draw is in May. 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for the Readers rota at all 3 weekend Masses. There will be a list of available dates, for all three Masses, in the church porch, could you please add your name. Only one reader will be needed for each Mass as we are not reading the bidding prayers. Thank you.

**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, the children as always were delighted to see each other on Monday and keen to be outside playing in the sunshine. We are delighted that families will now be bringing their children to parish Masses to receive their First Holy Communion. The children have prepared beautifully in school and are really looking forward to their big days. Last winter due to disease our horse chestnut tree was cut down. The tree surgeons left a six-foot stump in the ground for us. We would love to have a St Francis carved into the stump. Does anyone know of someone who has the skill and the time to help us out? Please do get in touch if you have any ideas! As always, we keep the parish in our prayers.

**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL** If you would like our Parish Newsletter emailed to you every Saturday, please send an email with your name and email address to michael@westonpc.co.uk.

**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 and doable 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. The repairs to the roof will commence around the 15th May 2021. 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](http://www.olshweston.org).

**This weekend is "Good Shepherd Sunday"** when we focus on our vocation as a Christian person in life. We also pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and Permanent Diaconate. No matter what age or status of life we are at, God asks us all to serve him in our lives in many different ways. Single, Married, widowed or widowed. Family, Priesthood, Religious or Permanent Diaconate. What is he asking of you?

**Prayer for Vocations.**

God our Father,  
you call each of us to follow Jesus, your Son,  
on the path he has marked out for us -  
the way of charity, service and fulfilment.

May the homes and parishes  
of the Archdiocese of Birmingham  
be blessed with ever-renewed dedication  
to the work of building up your kingdom here on earth.

May those whom you call  
to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life  
faithfully give themselves  
to the service of your Church.

Prompted and strengthened by your Holy Spirit,  
may I respond generously to the call  
to follow you each day and live out my vocation,  
to give you glory, for the good of those around me  
and for my own happiness.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

From this weekend we continue to introduce a single reader for each of the weekend Masses. Thank you to those who have responded. There is a list to sign up to in the porch.

A big continued Thank you to all our Stewards who enable us to open the Church for Mass.

*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**