

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



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Sunday 2nd May 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

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 1st May	4.00pm	The Rosary will be said before Mass. Isabella McFarlene RIP (Duncan). Special Intention: Sheila Rees.	Bulkington
Sun 2nd	9.30am 10.30am	Robert Moynihan RIP - 3rd Anniversary (Sheila & Anne-Marie Moynihan). For the Sick.	Bulkington
Mon 3rd		No Mass	Bulkington
Tues 4th	10.30am	NO PUBLIC MASS. Funeral Mass – Theresa (Tess) Wilson RIP (30 Max).	Bulkington
Wed 5th	9.30am	Luke Tedds RIP - 18th Anniversary (Tedds). Special Intention: Sr Melanie Delaney (Birthday). Decade of the Rosary after Mass.	Bulkington
Thurs 6th	9.30am	Mary Coneely RIP. Rosaleen Taylor RIP. Decade of the Rosary after Mass.	Bulkington
Fri 7th	9.30am	Theresa Delves RIP (Birthday) (Aileen). For the Sick & Housebound. Decade of the Rosary after Mass.	Bulkington
Sat 8th	4.00pm	Peter Oakley RIP (Sisters). Special Intention: Sr Kathleen Neenan (Feast Day).	Bulkington
Sun 9th	9.30am 10.30am	Sylvia Sharpe RIP (Abell). Ann Ganley RIP (Anniversary) Chedlow). For the People of the Parish	Bulkington

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev David Duggan, Rev Michael Byrne, Canon Bernard Hurrill, Rev James Dutton, Rev Donal O'Connor, Bishop Joseph Gray, Rev Francis Carr, Rev Walter Joseph Joret, Bridie Caines, Veronica Ryan, Maureen Reilly, Robert Moynihan, Elsie Egan, Frank Mulligan, Mona Storey, Annie Dixon, Tom Hurley, Sean Murphy, Alice Nugent, Mary Spencer, John Cooper, Ann Ganley, Philip Scanlon.

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 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.**

This weekend 1st/2nd May I have been Parish Priest here at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart for 23 years. I moved here in 1998. How time flies! I have also now been Parish Priest of St Francis for 9 years. Thank you to everyone for their continued love, support and encouragement that you continue to show to me.

Sadly because there was a positive test of Covid 19 in year 4 at School we have had to stop the First Holy Communion for this weekend. They will resume on Saturday 8th May 2021 when the isolation period has ended.

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.

Monday is the May Day Bank Holiday. The weather as usual for a Bank Holiday does not look good. Enjoy the time together.

Next Thursday 13th May we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Ascension Thursday).

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 Communion so far.

APF RED BOXES The amount collected from red boxes for the March quarter is £313.76. This does not include donations sent direct to Missio nor standing orders and direct debits. Many thanks to Mesdames: Andrews, Beddows, Fletcher, Langham, Lennon, Liddle, Waddoups and Waring; to Messieurs: Alexander, Neale and Ryan. Thanks also, to individual box holders and those donating directly to Missio.

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.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES We are planning ahead for the opportunity to begin packing Christmas shoe boxes later this

year. Despite the pandemic, we were able to pack 2800 boxes last year so we know that it can be done. Parishioners have been very supportive and generous in the past and we are now looking for donations of new pants for boy and girls age 3 - 14 years, pencil crayons, toothpaste, combs, small cars and toys, small balls and tennis balls as well as sweets and lollipops with a long sell by date beyond February 2022. If you can help with any of these items, please hold on to them for now as we can't leave things at the back of church. Alternatively, I am happy to collect from you at a social distance (Tel 02476 327330 or email cogs3561@hotmail.com). A belated 'Thank you' also to the ladies who have been knitting hats, scarves and gloves during lockdown - what a talented bunch!

I have just been informed, via the Bishops' Conference, that the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation has called for a universal daily prayer to be offered for the end of the Covid-19 Pandemic during the month of May and that each day during the month will focus upon one of the international Marian Shrines. This includes Our Lady of Walsingham.

We have been asked to note that Saturday 1st May 2021 has been assigned for Our Lady of Walsingham with the prayer intention in favour of the Holy Souls. We have therefore been asked to pray the Rosary in spiritual unity with the Holy Father, particularly on 1st May through the intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Fr Michael