

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



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Sunday 12th September 2021 Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (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: DAILY MASSES: TUESDAY – SUNDAY.

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) for full details of the advice effective Monday 19th July. Please note: Holy Communion will not be brought to your seat at Mass, instead a queue is formed (face mask and socially distanced) and the host is given in the hand.

Sat 11th Sept	3.15-3.45 pm 4.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Divine Mercy Chaplet. Special Intention: Kerry Ashby (Helene).	Bulkington
Sun 12th	9.30am 10.30am 12noon	Special Intention: Mary (Kath) Bayliss (Julie). Joyce Cotterill RIP (Skerrett). Baptism of Dixie Willow Reign Douglas.	Bulkington
Mon 13th	7.00pm	No Mass. The Rosary.	Bulkington
Tues 14th	9.30am	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Special Intention: Bridget Hughes (Birthday). Special Intention: Sr Therese O'Brien (Birthday).	Bulkington
Wed 15th	9.30am	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. Sisters' Intentions – Founder's Day. Special Intention: John, Pauline & Melanie Sammat. Special Intention: Shirley Drury (Sick) (Eddie Head).	Bulkington
Thurs 16th	9.30am	Peter Kennedy RIP (Anniversary) (Eileen). Robert Hannigan RIP (Agnes Hill).	Bulkington
Fri 17th	9.30am	Ken Gamble RIP (Sisters). Jan Cunningham RIP (Tina & Pierrie).	Bulkington
Sat 18th	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Divine Mercy Chaplet. Special Intention: Beatrice Upham (Birthday).	Bulkington
Sun 19th	9.30am 10.30am	Home Mission Sunday In Thanksgiving – Raymond & Nuala Nash. Pro Populo.	Bulkington

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Guy Colman, Rev Richard Dinnis, Rev Patrick Meagher, Canon Robert Nicholson, Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer, Rev William Alfred Oddie, Canon Peter McKenna, Rev John Lopes, Rev Alan Leslie Holtham, Olive Wildey, Ellen Wilson, Mary Jones, Tim Cronin, James Hickey, Mildred Freeman, Mary Burris, Maureen Nolan, Honora Paris, John Howard, Jack Haddon, Wilfred Robinson, Peter Kennedy, Harry Marston, Joan Williams, Elizabeth Dolly Muldoon, Louisa Matty, Michael Craig, Margaret McGonagle, Geraldine McHugh, Lina O'Connor.

RECENTLY DEAD

Jan Cunningham, Joyce Cotterill, Don Kenny, Sheila Linehan RIP.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS - Liam Carroll, Gillian Ainsley, Graham Sheen, Richard Beardsley and Julie Wastie-Beardsley, Natalie Sugrue, Aileen Glynn, Yvonne Neale, Dianah Gillias, Carmel, Mr Roe, 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, 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, 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY The Feast of St Francis - Monday 4th October 2021. Mass in St Francis School at 10.00am.
Mass for the Sick & Anointing - Monday 18th October 2021 at 11.00am here in Bulkington. Because of Covid etc, we will not be able to offer Lunch afterwards, however the school will be making a "take home box".
Games Night - Friday 3rd December 2021. Fish and Chip Supper etc.

**PARISH PRAYER:- HOLY SPIRIT, TURN OUR GOOD INTENTIONS INTO SOMETHING REAL
AND ACTIVE AND FRUITFUL AND HELP US ENJOY THE PROCESS.**

It is with great sadness that we learn of the death of Johanna (Jan) Cunningham RIP this week. Jan was a very faithful parishioner of St Francis who generously supported and worked hard in the parish for many years. She will be sadly missed by us all. Her reception Mass will be on Tuesday 21st September 2021 at 6.00pm here in Bulkington and then her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 22nd September 2021 at 10.00am followed by Burial at Marston Lane with her Late Husband. As far as I am aware there are no longer any number restrictions for Funerals. This week we resume the Parish Devotion of the Rosary on Monday Evenings at 7.00pm. I hope that we can begin to enjoy once again this beautiful prayer to "Our Lady". A tradition we have held in this parish for many years. Please do try to support it. I am unable to be with you this week as I have a Charity meeting of the Bedworth Relief Fund on Monday evening this week at Poets Corner.

The **UCM** will resume on Wednesday 15th September at 2.00pm in the Parish Hall.

ST FRANCIS BEDWORTH The Plasterer Eddie Carey has completed the plastering in St Francis Church. I would like to thank him personally for his generosity to us. This has helped us tremendously towards getting the Church open. It now must completely dry out for a few days before we can have the big clean up. Anne Wright will be in contact with you if you have kindly volunteered to get all this work underway. "Many hands make light work". **WATCH THIS SPACE!** Once it is cleaned then we can paint and clean the carpet. Once again thank you for your generosity this week to St Francis! To get an idea of the cost we are obtaining quotes for a new carpet that will come later on. This will enable people to sponsor a metre of carpet or (a square foot in old money). **WE AS A PARISH HAVE TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF OUR PARISH AND GET IT OPEN. PLEASE TRY TO THINK OF HOW YOU CAN BE PART OF THE NEW CHAPTER OF THE LIFE OF ST FRANCIS? LET US MAKE THIS A TEAM EFFORT AND MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

THERE HAS BEEN SO COMMENTS ABOUT THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE/PARISH COUNCIL IN ST FRANCIS. TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THIS GROUP STILL STANDS AND IS MADE UP OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

FR MICHAEL GAMBLE, PARISH PRIEST AND DEAN, FR JINSE (REPLACING FR MATHEW), THE SISTERS (PASTORAL CARE), MRS ANNE WRIGHT (SECRETARY AND PROCUREMENT OF NEW PROJECTS), MRS ANN MCGRORY (SAFEGUARDING), MRS CHARLOTTE CULLETON (SCHOOL PRINCIPLE), MRS JULIE SEDGLEY (SOCIAL OUTREACH, SCHOOL LINKS TO THE PARISH, MISS KATHLEEN CULLETON UNDERWOOD (YOUTH OUTREACH). THIS IS THE ORIGINAL GROUP THAT WAS FORMED WHEN WE HAD THE WORKING PARTY TO ESTABLISH THE QUESTIONNAIRES AND FUNDING TO SURVEY NEEDS OF THE PARISH. WE HAVEN'T MET SINCE THE PANDEMIC AS WE WERE WAITING FOR THE DIOCESE TO CARRY OUT THE WORK IN THE CHURCH. WE WILL BE MEETING VERY SOON EVEN IF IT IS BY ZOOM! I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP FOR THEIR CONSTANT SUPPORT. ST FRANCIS PRAY FOR US!

SCHOOL NEWS Dear all, The new year began on Monday and we welcomed children back to school and we also welcomed children who are new to our school. The children were delighted to be with their friends again and have enjoyed playing together in the sunshine this week. As always, we have a theme for the year, 'After the storm, the God who speaks to us now'. This year in exploring our theme we are responding to Archbishop's Diocesan Vision, in helping families return to church after lockdown. In school we have adapted to new routines and are looking forward to a bright future. We have adopted the Archbishop's prayer as our school prayer for the year.

Spirit of God,
descend on me this day.
Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,
the Spirit of hope to inspire me,
the Spirit of love to surround me and
the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.
Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,
so that I may grow in worship of your name

in love of you in my prayer
and in my actions towards others.
Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.
Strengthen and defend me,
so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.
Help me this day and always
to be a channel of grace
in all I say and do
and invite others into relationship with you. Amen.
Thank you so much for all your prayers for our young child who is so poorly, Please do keep him and his family in your prayers.

THE LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS FROM MONDAY 19TH JULY 2021 We have been advised by the Conference of the Bishops of England and Wales to be cautious in lifting of the restrictions in Church for the moment. Although we can have more people in Church we still need to be careful. For the time being and the immediate future I would ask that you still Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving Church. If you wish to continue to use a face mask you will be free to do so. Communion will continue to be bought to you for the moment (under one kind) to be received on the hand. Track and trace until otherwise notified will continue and cleansing of the church will still take place after each Mass etc. We will carry on as we have been for the time being. Once again, a very big "Thank you" to the stewards for all their help.

BAPTISMS Please could families who have outstanding Baptisms (i.e. have put in their Baptism Enquiry Forms to me) please contact me for a date if they haven't already done so. I am limiting the number at Baptisms to as little as possible (30 Max). New Baptism enquiries are also very welcome. There may be a little bit of a wait. Please collect a form at one of the weekend Masses.

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.

READERS ROTA FOR WEEKEND MASSES Can Sunday readers please add their names to the list as and when they would like to read.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PREPARATION The Pandemic has brought many challenges during the past 18 months, one of which was trying to complete the Sacramental programmes. Originally the children should have received First Communion in May 2020 and the Confirmation group in the following month. As you know, everything ground to a halt in March last year but we were able to continue with Communion preparation over Zoom in the weeks before Christmas. These children then made their First Communion earlier this year, one or two families at a time. Looking ahead to the new academic year, we are hoping that it will be possible to work in a more normal way. Lessons for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be on Thursdays in the parish hall, beginning 4.30 - 5.30pm on November 4th. Confirmation classes will commence on Thursday 13th January 2022 from 5.30 - 6.30pm. As last year's Confirmandi have already completed some of their preparation they will be asked to merge with the new group from Thursday 3rd March. We have already had a number of enquiries and will be contacting these families to confirm details nearer the time. If, however, you know of others who are not attending Catholic schools and may wish to be included (Year 3 and above for Communion and Year 6 and above for Confirmation) please ask them to contact cogs3561@hotmail.com or phone 02476327330 for further information.

THE SOUND SYSTEM IN BULKINGTON THE LOOP SYSTEM AND THE NEW AMPLIFIER HAVE NOW BEEN REPAIRED AND REPLACED. MYSELF AND FR JINSE BOTH HAVE RADIO MICS TO ENSURE ALL CAN HEAR CLEARLY, ESPECIALLY THOSE WATCHING THROUGH LIVE STREAMING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS ONCE AGAIN TOWARDS THIS.

WE WILL LOOK TOWARDS PLANNING FOR THE COMING MONTHS WITH PARISH GROUPS RE-ESTABLISHING. HAVE A THINK ABOUT IT!

God Bless

Fr Michael