

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



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## Sunday 3rd October 2021 Twenty Seventh 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](http://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.**

<b>Sat 2nd Oct</b>	<b>3.15-3.45 pm 4.00pm</b>	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Divine Mercy Chaplet. Deceased Sisters of Mater Ecclesiae Convent.	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Sun 3rd</b>	<b>9.30am 10.30am</b>	<b>CAFOD Harvest Fast.</b> Agnes Cooper RIP (Janet & Roy). Paula Kennedy RIP (Anniversary) (Eileen).	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Mon 4th</b>	<b>10.00am 7.00pm</b>	<b>Memorial of St Francis of Assisi.</b> Mass in St Francis School Hall: For the School Community and Parishes. The Rosary.	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Tues 5th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Special Intention: Eddie & Margaret Smith (Pat B). Albert & Agnes Cooper RIP (Slade).	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Wed 6th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Joe & Maureen Torri RIP (Nun CHF).	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Thurs 7th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.</b> Spec Intention: Eileen Bracken (Birthday). Jan Cunningham RIP (B Grant).	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Fri 8th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Special Intention: Allison Spadavecchia.	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Sat 9th</b>	<b>3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm</b>	<b>Feast of St John Henry Newman.</b> Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Divine Mercy Chaplet. Special Intention: James & Cynthia Pawsey (All the 8's).	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>Sun 10th</b>	<b>9.30am 10.30am</b>	<b>Prisoners Sunday.</b> Jan Cunningham RIP (M Duncan). Special Intention: Ben Williams (Helene).	<b>Bulkington</b>

### ANNIVERSARIES

Rev John Danaher, Rev Percival Styche, Rev John Bullen, Canon Anthony Piercy, Rev Philip Casey, Rev John Fitzpatrick, Rev Thomas Power, Deacon Patrick Selwood, Pat Oakman, Paula Kennedy, Gill Reilly, Alyson Stafford, Agnes Cooper, Denis O'Brien, Phyllis McCarroll, Anna Pickard, Ian Riley, Josephine Aldridge, Danny Watkins, Jack Reidy, Peter McDonald, Sr Mary Naughton, Sister Marie SP, Kieran McCullough, Terence Smith, Mary Teresa Johnson, Denis Doran, Raymond Plant.

### RECENTLY DEAD

Adrian Hunter, Margaret Cardwell, Bridie Guilfoyle Jackie Allen RIP.  
*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS** - Fr Simon Hall, 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, 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.

**Hymns for this weekend:** All Creatures of our God and King, Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace, Holy Virgin, By God's Decree.

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

This is the first newsletter that we have printed since the "Lockdown". Please do take it home with you rather than leave it in Church.

**THE FEAST DAY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI** On Monday I will celebrate with the children in School a Mass on this our Patronal Feast day of St Francis of Assisi. This will be the first time that we have been able to say Mass in School since the "Lockdown". It will be nice to be able to celebrate Mass in person again. The children will be able to realise that I am not just Fr Michael off the Television screen! I would like to wish everyone a very happy Feast Day.

**OCTOBER DEVOTIONS** For the month of October we will say a decade of the Rosary after the weekday Masses.

**ST FRANCIS BEDWORTH** The work is going along nicely at St Francis and I would like to thank you all for your continued donations and for all your tremendously hard work in preparing the Church to re-open. I am very much aware that the Church needs a new carpet. The present one looks very faded and shabby. Both the new Chief Operating Officer and the Episcopal Vicar for our area has now put a limit on what can be spent on the Church at this time and I'm afraid that it doesn't include a new Carpet. I have now asked three times and the answer is a clear NO at this time. There is no more that I can do except get the church open ASAP.

There has been some 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 Principal), 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 the 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!

**UCM** meet in the Parish Hall on Wednesday afternoon 27th October at 2.00pm. All ladies welcome.

**BULKINGTON 100 CLUB** (September 2021) 1st 78, 2nd 67, 3rd 30. Next Draw is in October. 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, This week we have been exploring the Holy Spirit Experience and celebrating the offer that is promised to each of our children. We are able to plan now for a return to the full experience. Our year 1 pupils had a wonderful trip to Bedworth. More trips are now in the planning stages. Some after school clubs have restarted, due a stringent cleaning schedule we are not yet able to offer clubs every day. This week we have been preparing especially for our Feast Day Mass on Monday. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate Mass again in school. The Mass will be shared with parents and carers and the youngest members of our school via Zoom to enable parishioners to come into school and celebrate Mass. Parents, carers grandmas and grandads have all been really understanding about joining via Zoom to keep numbers low and allow parishioners to attend - so a huge thank - you to everyone joining us via zoom. School is looking very smart, we have new curtains in our hall, a huge thank you to Cilla Dodd for her wonderful sewing skills and to Jayson for his skill in handing them all! The curtains look amazing.

**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.

**God Bless**

**Fr Michael**