

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



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Sunday 19th December 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent - Bambini Sunday (C)

ALL Masses will be LIVE STREAMED: DAILY MASSES: TUESDAY – SUNDAY. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell for any reason. 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. The collection on Christmas Eve / Christmas Day is the traditional Christmas offering to the clergy.

Sat 18th Dec At St Francis	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Divine Mercy Chaplet. Martin Jones RIP (Birthday) (Gill). Special Intention: Andrew & Jane O'Neill - 62nd Wedding Anniversary.	Bedworth
Sun 19th At Bulkington	9.30am	Nigel Moynihan RIP (Anniversary) (Sheila). Anne Patricia Spicer RIP (11th Anniversary) (Frank). Mary & Jack McCullough RIP (Anniversary).	Bulkington
At St Francis	11.30am	Alice & Patricia Cullerton & Kathleen Radford RIP (C Cullerton). Jim & Audrey Bonsor RIP (Liz).	Bedworth
Mon 20th At Bulkington	7.00pm	The Rosary.	Bulkington
Tues 21st At Bulkington	9.30am	Bill Crawley RIP (Birthday) (Winifred). Sidney, Dinah & Allen Howkins RIP (Terence).	Bulkington
Wed 22nd At St Francis	2.45pm 4.15pm	Funeral Mass – Adriana Murden RIP. Followed by Heart of England Crematorium.	Bedworth
Thurs 23rd At Bulkington	9.30am	Glenys & Tom McGill RIP. Special Intention: BC.	Bulkington
Fri 24th At St Francis	Christmas Eve 4.00pm 6.00pm	Vigil Mass. Pro Populo. Syro Malibar Mass.	Bedworth
At Bulkington	8.30pm	Mass of Midnight. Neil Chesterton RIP (22nd Anniversary) (Kate & Family). Peter Jobling RIP (Veronica). Christina Smith RIP (Garratt).	Bulkington
Sat 25th At Bulkington	Christmas Day 9.30am	Iris & Ken Gamble RIP. Mgr T Gavin RIP. NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.	Bulkington
At St Francis	10.30am	Pro Populo.	Bedworth
Sun 26th At Bulkington	9.30am	Harry & Julia Newton RIP (Abell). Marian Singleton RIP (Family).	Bulkington
At St Francis	10.30am	For the Bereaved & Victims of Covid.	Bedworth
Mon 27th At Bulkington	7.00pm	The Rosary.	Bulkington
Tue 28th At Bulkington	10.00am	Eddie Smith RIP (S Pritchard).	Bulkington
Wed 29th At St Francis	10.00am	For all the Benefactors of DSFDS (Support) (Sisters).	Bedworth
Thurs 30th At Bulkington		No Mass.	Bulkington
Fri 31st At St Francis	10.00am	For the Families of the Parish, the Sick & Housebound.	Bedworth
Sat 1 Jan 2022 At St Francis	4.00pm	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. New Year Blessing On Us All.	Bedworth
Sun 2 Jan At Bulkington	9.30am 1.00pm	Ann Allsop RIP (G & K Alexander). Baptism of Elodia Alice Einstein.	Bulkington
At St Francis	11.30am	Maria Dixon RIP (Nash).	Bedworth

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

Hymns for this weekend: O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, Holy Virgin, By God's Decree.

Please pray for our relatives, friends, those in the parish who are sick and their carers - Winifred Crawley, 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, Paul Cooper, Rebecca Woodward, Natalie Brett, Wendy Williams, Nuala Nash, Tony Pittam, Margaret Smith, Sr Mary Veronica, Paul Wooding, Pat McKenna.

Anniversaries Rev Edmund Motherway, Canon Gerald Patrick Breen, Rev Brian Doolan, Mgr Canon William Flint, Rev Patrick Wall, Rev Anthony Ireland, Bishop Francis Thomas, Mgr Canon Thomas Gavin, Rev Thomas N Meagher, William Chamberlain, Molly O'Donnell, Jack McCullough, Mary McCullough, Cathy Sammons, Charlie O'Connor, Anne Spicer, James McIlroy, Daniel Devlin, Rose Young, David Smith, Nancy Feeney, Michael Dickens, Julia Cook, Bernadette Whitehead, Mary McCann, Muriel Rutter, Leo Patrick Behan, Nigel Moynihan, Roy Foulger, Evelyn Arnold, Hilda Emily Ward, Denis Cook, Annie McCarroll, Neil Chesterton, Sr Sabina Staff, Rose Lary, Ruby Wade, Josie Devey, Alice Culleton, Peter Robinson, Michael Anderson, Phyllis Thompson, Harold Gardner.

RECENTLY DEAD Adriana Murden, Ann Allsop RIP. May they rest in peace. Amen.

'Walking Together' - The Diocesan Handbook for the Synodal Journey is available on our parish website. This is a handbook which is designed to assist you, throughout the Synodal Journey, which we call Walking Together. Already we have over 300 people who have signed up for weekly Monday night zoom presentations, and other supportive materials.

A WARNING - DISTRESSINGLY AND SADLY - PLEASE BE VIGILENT Further to the THEFT Incident with the two iPads last week in the Car Park. On Sunday at the 9.30am Mass at BULKINGTON a car window was smashed and broken into. A HANDBAG was stolen containing money, Bank Cards and an IPhone. It was the same person that stole the Ipad's days before. The incidents are certainly linked. The same car with false number plates and the same individuals. Clearly an organised gang and cleverly and expertly done. All footage of this incident was captured by our CCTV cameras. This was forwarded to the Police for their investigations. The police are on active patrol around the Carpark during this time. Please do not leave any valuable unattended in your vehicles when here at Church. Keep your eyes peeled!

THANK YOU to Mrs Culleton and all Staff in St Francis School for all their hard work over the last term. We wish you many Blessings for Christmas and the New Year 2022. The end of term Mass WILL BE STREAMED FROM church. Year six will attend.

Please do take your "Walk with me" booklets with you. Maybe give one to a Friend? How quickly this time comes around again.

Please do take a printed **NEWSLETTER** home with you rather than leave it in Church.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Collection baskets are at the Back of Church to encourage you to give your weekly Offering. Thank you in advance! Please do keep sending your weekly Offerings that can be placed either through the Presbytery door in Bedworth or in BULKINGTON. 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.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support. To our new ministry of stewards and sanitisers of the churches who keep our PARISHES SAFE PLACES TO BE AND TO ENJOY MASS.

We don't know if there will be any further restrictions in the coming days but we will take each day as it comes and go forward. Christmas will be very simple, but the most important point is that we can celebrate it publicly and with each other.

BULKINGTON 100 CLUB (December 2021) 1st 10, 2nd 52, 3rd 26. Next Draw is in January 2022. Numbers are available if you

would like to join at £2.00 per month. See Janet Cooper.

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Our Sacramental preparation classes are going very well. The children in the new group are enthusiastic, keen to learn and enjoy doing the homework in their 'I Belong' books. Please continue to pray for Alex, Amelia T, Amelia Z, Bartosz, Dominik, Dorian, Jakub, Maja, Martha, Natalia, Oliver, Olivia M, Olivia S, Sebastian, Victoria and Zuzanna.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES This year's Christmas Shoe Box project has come to an end, with our local boxes travelling to Evesham where they have been loaded onto trucks to begin their journey to Romania. Despite ongoing Covid restrictions we have been able to produce 2843 boxes, slightly up on last year's number. Pam and John Hopwood, who coordinate the project from their home in Stretton on Dunsmore, have asked me to pass on their thanks to everyone in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and St Francis parishes for your support. We had some lovely knitted hats, scarves and gloves as well as hand puppets that are popular with all the children whatever their age. In addition, many of you have donated a whole range of toiletries, games, toys and hair accessories as well as generous financial contributions that help us to cover the cost of transport at £2.50 a box. The Christmas Shoe Box Appeal is one of a number of projects run by the organisation Teams for You (T4U). You can find more information about their work on the website teams4u.com. Looking ahead to 2022, please save you Christmas cracker novelties and any unwanted gifts as we will be able to use them when we begin work again early in the new year.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Once again we are doing the Christmas Flowers of Remembrance this year. You are invited to buy a flower or more than one in memory of a loved one / or ones for Christmas. These flowers will be used to decorate the Church and Altar during the Christmas Season. Like at Easter their names will be entered into a memorial book and will be placed on the Altar during the Christmas Masses. For EACH name you are invited to donate a minimum of £3. Place your money in an envelope and write "Christmas Flowers" on the top along with the name of the person or persons wished to be REMEMBERED underneath. Please place this through the Presbytery door OR GIVE TO FR MICHAEL OR THE SISTERS up until the day BEFORE Christmas Eve at the latest! What better way to remember our loved ones at the Altar during this Christmas period?

OUR ADVENT APPEAL DAUGHTERS OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES-KAKAMUS (SOUTH AFRICA) I have agreed with Fr Thomas Varghese, Missionaries of St Francis de Sales that in conjunction with the Daughters of St Francis de Sales we would support each year 5 orphan children in their Orphanage Mission from each parish, (10 in total) at the cost of £120.00 per child per year. Total cost £600 per parish per year as a way of our Mission outreach. If anyone wishes to Sponsor a child personally at £120.00 per child per year please let me or the Sisters know. The donations go straight to their mission through our Sisters. Every penny reaches them. Cheques should be made payable to (The Daughters of St Francis de Sales).

Thank you for a very generous Christmas Offering to me from both Parishes, together with Cards, Gifts and Masses for my intentions. I am truly grateful to you all and appreciate your great kindness at this time of celebration. Many Blessings of health and happiness to you all in this new year of 2022. The sisters also thank you for your kindness and generosity to them at this time. A special thank you from the sisters for your sponsorship of their mission in Africa. May God Bless you all.

God Bless, Fr Michael