

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



**Father Michael Gamble S.T.B., Parish Priest (Dean VF), Father Jinse Thomas - Assistant Priest**  
 Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, The Presbytery, Mill Lane, Weston-in-Arden, Bulkington,  
 Bedworth, Warwickshire CV12 9RU Telephone: 024 7631 2293 Fax: 024 7664 3368  
 Website: [www.olshweston.org](http://www.olshweston.org) E-Mail: [fr.michael.gamble@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.michael.gamble@rcaob.org.uk)  
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/olshweston>  
 St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Rye Piece Ringway, Bedworth CV12 8JH  
 Parish Sisters: Sister Mary Jane and Sister Alphonsa Tel: 024 7664 0684  
 St Francis School, Rye Piece Ringway, Bedworth CV12 8JN 024 7631 5279  
 Head teacher Mrs Charlotte Culleton Website <http://www.stfranciscatholicprimary.co.uk>  
 Both parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216



## Sunday 2nd January 2022 Second Sunday after Christmas (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.**

<b>Sat 1st Jan At St Francis</b>	<b>3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm</b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.</b> New Year Blessing On Us All.
<b>Sun 2nd At Bulkington</b>	<b>9.30am 1.00pm</b>	Ann Allsop RIP (G & K Alexander). Baptism of Elodia Alice Einstein.
<b>At St Francis</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Maria Dixon RIP (Nash).
<b>Mon 3rd At Bulkington</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	The Rosary.
<b>Tues 4th At Bulkington</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Peter Robinson RIP. Special Intention: Kerry Ashby - sick.
<b>Wed 5th At St Francis</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	John & Frank Boland RIP (Ann Cole). Special Intention: Mary Hannigan (80th Birthday) (Agnes).
<b>Thurs 6th At Bulkington</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Special Intention: Fr Simon Hall (M & J Diskin).
<b>Fri 7th At St Francis</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Special Intention: Allan & Moira Stewart & family (Tedds). Special Intention: Sr Navya (Birthday).
<b>Sat 8th At St Francis</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	Barry Leedham RIP (Ellen).
<b>Sun 9th At Bulkington</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Julia & Kevin Matts RIP (Janet & Roy) Horace Birch RIP (Pat).
<b>At St Francis</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Catherine McIntyre RIP (Duffy). Baptism of Betty Green during Mass.

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 Martin Cassidy, Rev Philip Garrett, Canon Martin Power, Rev Francis Dwyer, Rev Philip Smith, Rev John P. Davis, Rev Brian Harding, Rev John Bentley, Alex Wright, Inge Will, Herman Will, Jean Clara Turner, John Stuart, Marie Ainsworth, Mary Jones, Doris Carter, Elizabeth (Chrissie) Garratt, Laurie Western, Sheila Garry, Neville Gill, Jack Breen, Martin Fallon, Sarah Adams, Bernadette Lappin, John Prodraski, Deceased members of the Ruck family, Renee Lloyd, Margaret Swaine, Pearl Smith, Roger Gore, Mary Richardson, Nancy Diver, Hugh Donnelly, Roy Lloyd, Mary Chamberlain, Frank Keegan, Edna May Walton, Doris Sanderson, Helen Lee.

Myself, Fr Jinse and the Sisters would like to thank you all for your generosity to us over Christmas. It is very much appreciated.

The Sisters would like to Thank you for your Generosity in Sponsoring their Mission with their Sisters and the Orphanage in Africa. 45 children are now being sponsored thanks to your generosity. The Sisters will have Mass said for all their Benefactors in Thanksgiving.

**May I wish you and those who you hold Dear, many blessing and a healthy 2022!**

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

'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 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!

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

**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 your 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.

**DEAR T4U SUPPORTER** In a year where yet again the odds were against the appeal in so many ways, the support received has been most welcome! Supporters have continued to gift pre-loved toys & buy essentials, sort donations & craft items, wrap & pack boxes, as well as generously donate money. This has enabled Teams4u Stretton to achieve a total of: 2,843 shoeboxes. These boxes started their 1,400-mile journey from Stretton in mid-November, reaching the vulnerable children and families in Arad

& Bihor, Western Romania, in early December.

Our thanks for this year go to:

- Birdingbury Ladies
- Brookside Stores
- Charles Clinkard, Warwick
- Charles Ager Ltd, Coventry
- Country Style, Stretton
- Eastern Green Ladies
- Harbury Knitwits
- Heart of England Co-op
- Kenilworth Golf Club
- Knowle WI
- Ladbroke Village
- Marton Village
- Meriden Ladies
- Our Lady's Roman Catholic Primary School
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Bulkington
- Princethorpe College
- Radford Semele WI
- Rugby Lions
- Ryton Evergreens
- Twirls Ryton-on-Dunsmore WI
- Southam WI
- Stoneleigh Card and Quilling Group
- St Anne's Church, Wappenbury
- St Francis Church, Bedworth
- St John's Church, Long Lawford
- St. John's Mothers Union, Kenilworth
- Stoneleigh Village
- Stoneleigh WI
- Stretton Ladies' Fellowship
- Stretton Village
- Ullesthorpe Golf Club Senior Ladies

.....And many, many individuals beyond Coventry & Warwickshire!!! Using the donations received, we pack the first half of our boxes in June and send them off to the T4U warehouse in July. We repeat the whole process again in October and these go to the warehouse in early November, ready to go on the lorries to their destinations in Eastern Europe. Behind the scenes a lot of time is spent preparing - filling pencil cases, wrapping soap, counting combs, making notepads, pairing socks, folding colouring sheets - amongst lots of other jobs, to make sure the packing days run smoothly. While the shoebox appeal is an all-year-round project, by the time other people are thinking about preparing for Christmas, it's usually about time for us to tidy up and take a well earned rest! Please consider that we need just as many new/old/crafted items by the end of May, as we do by the end of September to make this possible. Happy New Year to you all! If you would like to volunteer, craft, donate, or can offer help with storage, please do get in touch. (Please feel free to forward or copy this message for wider distribution or inclusion in local village & group newsletters).

Regards

*Joanna - for and on behalf of Pam Hopwood, Stretton T4U Co-ordinator*

**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.

**APF Red Boxes:** The amount raised from red box donations for the December quarter is £359.05. This amount does not include donations sent direct to APF/Missio. Many thanks to Mesdames Andrews, Beddows, Fletcher, Langham, Lennon, Little, Waddoups and Waring; Messieurs Alexander and Neale for all their hard work, also to individual box holders who have made this total possible."

**APF Red Boxes 2021:** The amount raised from red box donations for the year 2021 is £1272.47 plus £100.90 through gift aid. This amount does not include donations sent direct to APF/Missio. Many thanks to Mesdames Andrews, Beddows, Fletcher, Langham, Lennon, Little, Waddoups and Waring; Messieurs Alexander and Neale for all their hard work, also to individual box holders who have made this total possible."

**God Bless, Fr Michael**