

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



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Sunday 9th January 2022 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (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.

*******Before each weekday Mass, the Rosary will be said at 9.15am *******

Sat 8 Jan At St Francis	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Divine Mercy Chaplet. Barry Leedham RIP (Ellen). John Hughes RIP (Anniversary) (B & T Hughes).
Sun 9 At Bulkington	9.30am	Julia & Kevin Matts RIP (Janet & Roy) Horace Birch RIP (Pat).
At St Francis	11.30am	Catherine McIntyre RIP (Duffy). Baptism of Betty Green during Mass.
Mon 10 At Bulkington	7.00pm	No Mass. The Rosary.
Tues 11 At Bulkington	9.30am	Special Intention: Loret Taylor (Birthday). Monica Cole RIP (Birthday) (Mary).
Wed 12 At St Francis	9.30am	Marion Singleton RIP (Wedding Anniversary). Betty Gunther RIP (CB Small).
Thurs 13 At Bulkington	9.30am 4.30pm-5.30pm 5.30pm-6.30pm	Marie McFaddon RIP (Sr Michael SP). Lessons for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in Parish Hall. Confirmation class in Parish Hall.
Fri 14 At St Francis	9.30am	Special Intention: Charlotte Cullerton (Birthday). Special Intention: Anne Plummer FHS.
Sat 15 At St Francis	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Divine Mercy Chaplet. Special Intention: Sr Beena (Birthday).
Sun 16 Day for Peace At Bulkington	9.30am	Anne Allsop RIP (T Rowe). Philomena Roche RIP (Craig). Canon Giles Goward.
At St Francis	11.30am	In Thanksgiving for the kindness shown from the Parishioners of both Parishes to the Clergy and the Sisters this Christmas.

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 Charles Becker, Rev Philip Wyles, Deacon William Murphy, Rev Patrick Farrelly, Rev James Bromley, Rev Patrick McSwiney, Rev Patrick Joyce, Rev Peter Tuite, Deacon Brian Dockerty, Mgr John Cregg, Rev Robert Kirby, Rev Benedict O'Gorman, Deacon Thomas Mark Carter, Rev Eugene Nee, Rev Geoffrey Watts, Peter Lewin, John Hughes, Tom McGovern, Kay Ensor, Margaret Aplegate, Connie Boyle, Norman Turley, Jayne Oliver, William Brice, Norah Kincaid, Julia Matts, Elizabeth Wyatt, Patricia Simons, Mary Alice Lee, Albert Sonny Ward, Ron Rutter, Cynthia Dewis, Ethel Rawcliffe, Denis Harvey, Rod Huffer, Sr Melima, Edna May Cleverley, Iza Smith, Dorothy Dormer, Jim Pointon, George Taylor.

Recently Dead

Josephine Bowe, Mary Fallon 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.

UCM meet on Wednesday afternoon 19th January at 2.00pm in the Parish Hall. It will also be our AGM. All ladies welcome.

Carols: We Three Kings, While Shepherds Watched, Away In A Manger, The First Nowell.

Parish Webcams can be viewed at http://www.olshweston.org/photo_gallery/webcams.html



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

Firstly, I would like to wish you, your Families and loved ones a Happy New Year. May we receive many Blessings of the Lord this year. May we get rid of this dreadful Virus and be able to move forward and resume to some kind of normality – Who knows!

Once again Myself, Fr Jinse and the Sisters would like to thank you all for your generosity to us over Christmas. We all received many cards, Mass Cards and gifts. Myself and Father Jinse would like to thank you for your most generous Christmas Offering to us. It is very much appreciated.

Last week, I was able to spend a few days with my brother and his wife in Taunton. I am feeling very much more refreshed now. Thank you to Fr Jinse for being so supportive.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. It helps us focus on the importance OF OUR OWN Baptism when we become an "Adopted Child of God."

Also we have to look at ways in which we as a Parish can contribute towards the "Synodal Process" that Pope Francis calls us all to take a part in. A few weeks ago I posed a question for all of us. It was a question for Reflection. "What are our "Hope and Dreams" for the Church?"

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 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 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.

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, Liddle, Waddoups and Waring; Messieurs Alexander and Neale for all their hard work, also to individual box holders who have made this total possible."

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God Bless, Fr Michael