

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



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Sunday 8th May 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd-Vocations Sunday (C)

ALL Masses will be LIVE STREAMED: DAILY MASSES: TUESDAY – SUNDAY. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell for any reason. Before each weekday Mass, the Rosary will be said at 9.15am. At Bulkington Tea and Coffee after Mass in the Parish Hall on Sundays. We congratulate the children who will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend 8th May, Olivia, Alex, Harry, Natalia, Alicja.

Sat 7th May At St Francis	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Divine Mercy Chaplet. In Thanksgiving for all who offered prayers for Raymond Nash RIP (Nuala & Jessica). Special Intention.
Sun 8 At Bulkington	9.30am	Sylvia Sharpe RIP (S Abell). Theresa Delves RIP (Birthday) (Aileen). Special Intention: Garratt Family.
At St Francis	11.30am	Pro Populo. Baptism during Mass – Spencer Nicholas Gascoigne.
Mon 9 At Bulkington	7.00pm	The Rosary.
Tues 10 At Bulkington	9.30am	Special Intention: Maggie Smith (E & M Hurley). Horace Birch RIP (Pat).
Wed 11 At St Francis	9.30am	Sheila Dennis RIP (K Gwynne).
At Bulkington	2.00pm	UCM meet in Parish Hall.
Thurs 12 At Bulkington	9.30am 4.30-5.30pm 5.30-6.30pm	Special Intention: Theresa Rowe (Birthday) (Winifred). Lessons for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in Parish Hall. Confirmation class in Parish Hall.
Fri 13 At St Francis	9.30am	James Reilly RIP (Sr Anne Marie).
Sat 14 At Bulkington	11.00am	Baptism of Henry Hughes.
At St Francis	3.15-3.45pm 4.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Divine Mercy Chaplet. Vera Head RIP (Birthday) (Eddie).
Sun 15 At Bulkington	9.30am	Iris Gamble RIP (Birthday).
At St Francis	11.30am	Special Intention: Sr Frances Purcell (Sr Anne Marie).

Please pray for our relatives, friends, those in the parish who are sick and their carers -: Bob Crosby, Christine Connearn, Monica Horner, Pat Sugrue, 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, Rebecca Woodward, Natalie Brett, Wendy Williams, Nuala Nash, Tony Pittam, Margaret Smith, Sr Mary Veronica, Paul Wooding, Pat McKenna.

Anniversaries

Rev Francis Carr, Rev Walter Joseph Joret, Rev Patrick Cocklin, Deacon James Duffy, Rev Noel O'Connor, Canon Francis Woodward, John Cooper, Ann Ganley, Philip Scanlon, May English, Frederick Oakley, Gladys Baker, Peggy Matherson, Mary Mowinski, Sr Mary Kathleen, Paul Ryan, Maisie Old, Wendy Dickens, Robert 'Ian' Miller, Horace Birch, Stephen Mason, Joan Singleton, Chris Docherty, Sr Ita Breen, Sr Josephine Milner, Sr Elaine McCarthy, Anne Healy.

Recently Dead

Don Friswell, Nan Lees-McKillop, Marjorie Thornton RIP.

May they rest in Peace. Amen

Bulkington Hymns: Ent: All over the world, Off: All that I am, Comm: O God, You search me, Post Comm: Be still for the presence, Recessional: At the name of Jesus.

Bedworth Hymns: Ent: This is the day, Off: Hail Redeemer, Comm: The Lord's My Shepherd, Recessional: Hail Queen of Heaven.

Updated Tea/Coffee rota available at the back of the church and in the Parish Hall.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday. This weekend the whole church is asked to pray for vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate and religious life. Please remember our own students from this diocese who are in training for the priesthood and the diaconate. The second collection will be for the Diocesan Clergy Training Fund. Prayer cards are at the back of the church.

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

HEAVENLY FATHER,
WE ASK YOU TO SEND LABOURERS INTO YOUR HARVEST.
INSPIRE, IN THE HEARTS OF YOUR PEOPLE VOCATIONS TO
THE PRIESTHOOD, DIACONATE AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.
BLESS OUR FAMILIES WITH A SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY, SO
THAT THOSE WHOM YOU CALL HAVE THE COURAGE TO
GIVE THEMSELVES TO YOUR CHURCH IN FAITH. THROUGH
CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

THE CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS AND THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CROSSES AT BULKINGTON (AN UPDATE)

The scaffolding has now been removed and the new crosses look resplendent. The insurance company would not back down. Although they paid the full amount for the roof repairs less £400 excess, they would only pay one third of the costs for both the scaffolding and replacement roof cross costs.

MR DON FRISWELL RIP – FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Don will have his funeral here at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. He will be received into church on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 6.00pm. His Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 10.30am followed by cremation at the Heart of England crematorium, Nuneaton. May he rest in peace.

THE CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS AND THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CROSSES AT BULKINGTON.

As you can see the roof has been repaired following storm Eunice and the crosses have been replaced. They have been fixed in such a way that they are very safe for the future. I am very pleased with them. They look resplendent and would have looked just like this when the church was first built in 1869. The roofers and stone masons have done a wonderful job. I am still fighting my case with the loss adjusters about how much that they are going to pay toward the repairs.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM 70TH JUBILEE - JUNE 2022.

I am sure that there will be many street parties that will be organised for the Bank Holiday weekend marking the Queen's jubilee. On Sunday 5th June 2022 after the 9.30am Mass we will celebrate in the Parish Hall with prosecco, wine and nibbles!

FR MICHAEL STACK'S NEW PUBLICATION (book) entitled "it is not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick" – "further reflections by a retired hospital chaplain", is available in the piety stall at the cost of £5. All proceeds to the Catholic Nurses Guild.

THE UKRAINE APPEAL. Please keep this nation in your daily prayers that peace will prevail. Details for the SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE ORGANISED BY FR ROMUALD AT THE POLISH CHURCH IN COVENTRY.

Account to abp Mieczyslaw Mokrzycki, Archbishop of Lviv:

IBAN: DE59400602650046000700

SWIFT-BIC: GENODEM1DKM

Bank Name: DKM DARLEHNSKASSE MUENSTER EG

Recipient: Erzdiozese Lemberg Erzbischof Dr. Mokrzycki

He will confirm receiving money with his letter.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA is available in the Porch.

THE PIETY STALL is now open after Sunday Mass.

GETTING THE PARISH BACK TO "THE NEW NORMAL"

Volunteers STILL needed for cleaning the Church and the Flower Rota in both parishes.

BULKINGTON 100 CLUB (April 2022) 1st 49, 2nd 53, 3rd 69. Next Draw is in May 2022. Numbers are available if you would like to join at £2.00 per month. See Janet Cooper. Many thanks to everyone who supports the 100 club.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Our final group make their First Reconciliation this weekend at St Francis Church. Then, for 5 Sundays beginning on May 1st, we will have small groups for First Holy Communion at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. Could we please request that the front pews on both sides are left free for

the families of those receiving the Sacrament. On May 1st and 15th we will need 3 pews, May 8th 5 pews, May 22nd 1 pew and May 29th 6 pews. Thank you for your understanding.

VACANCY FOR A HEADTEACHER at Christ the King, Coventry from September 2022. See Christ the King website for more details. Also there is a vacancy for the Director of Education at our Diocesan Education service. See Birmingham Diocesan Education service website for more details and application form.

MAY PROCESSION AT MONKS KIRBY – SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2022 (FOR DETAILS SEE THEIR Parish Website).

POVERTY CHALLENGE: SEE, JUDGE, ACT - Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk.

RAFFLE AT BEDWORTH CHURCH Tickets will be on sale before and after Mass over the next two weekends (Sat 30th April and Sun 1st May plus Sat 7th May and Sun 8th May). Some great prizes to be won with all proceeds supporting our sick pilgrimages in local parishes going on this years diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes during May half term. Any questions please contact Penny on 07445 336573.

SCHOOL NEWS Dear all, I am often asked, 'What is the difference between Catholic and non-Catholic schools?' The month of May is often when the difference is clear to see and to hear. The prayer focus areas across the school are dressed in blue and decorated with flowers in honour of Our Lady. The Rosary rings out from classrooms and this year hymns to Our Lady can also be heard across the school! Our children spend their days learning about and living the Catholic faith, it is part of the whole curriculum. The children who are receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion become the focus of our prayers. Each week a child comes into school to tell us all about their special day! In May we ask Our Lady to be with our Year 6 children in a very special way, on Monday they will begin to take their SATs tests. Each day begins with prayer, we pray that each child can grow into the individual God intends them to be. We ask Our Lady to look after the children completing tests in a special way. Please remember all our children who are sitting tests and receiving sacraments in your prayers.

God Bless, Fr Michael