

### Anniversaries

Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer, Rev Bill Oddie, Canon Peter McKenna, Rev Peter Lees, Rev John Steward, Canon Davis Mellor, Rev Peter Lloyd, Harry Marston, Joan Williams, Elizabeth Dolly Muldoon, Louisa Matty, Michael Craig, Maragret McGonagle, Geraldine McHugh, Julia Sheila Clarke, Peter Williams, Bill Goodyear, Lina O'Connor, Adrian Hunter, John Cronin, Bernard Ryan, Mary Jane Thomas, Terry Short, Saffron Campbell-Barker, Niamh Maloney, Joyce Kent, Georgie O'Brien, Neil Lewin, Alice Wilkinson, Mary O'Donovan, Margret Cardwell, Mary Scanlon, Ruby McGuinness, Veronica Goldberg, Patrick Stapleton, Fr Edwin Cownley, Fr Paul Chavasse, Greg Thompson.

**The sick and their carers** -: Susan Basnett, Sheila Hill, Pat Sugrue, Liam Carroll, Graham Sheen, Richard Beardsley and Julie Wastie-Beardsley, Natalie Sugrue, Yvonne Neale, Carmel, Mr Roe, Paul Tedds, Mary Evans, Ann Magee, Norman Barr, Peter Moore, Janet Pittam, Sue Owen, Jean Kimber, Lauren Glynn, Baby Florence, Tina & Baby, Rebecca Woodward, Natalie Brett, Wendy Williams, Nuala Nash, Sr Mary Veronica, Paul Wooding, Pat McKenna, Ronald Boote, Carmel Brady, Eddie Head, John Ison, Chris Ison, Pat Skerritt, Debbie Colby, Paul Jobling, Ean Conway, Pat Birch, Margaret Smith, James Pawsey, Janette Woodford, Oswin Kavanagh Jackson, Eileen Kennedy, James Walker, Gerry Burke, Julie Hughes, Bridie Cave, Michael Moten, Sarah Higgins, Mary Adderley, Bridie Scally, Una McKeown, Brigid Reilly, Anthony Davis, Mary Rooney, Doreen Parry, Oliver Ball, Theresa Rose Tedds, Helen Taylor, Alicia (Babs) Fitzpatrick, Julia O'Keefe, Gabrielle Lynagh, Eamon Hurley

### Recently Deceased

Philip Andrews (OLSH) Marie Fryer (HF) Eilma Gould (OLSH) Allan Stewart (OLSH) Mary Donnelon (HF) Lisa McDonald (OLSH) **May they Rest in Peace.**

The Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Charlotte Culleton & Julie Sedgely. (Bedworth & Bulkington) Grainne Griffiths (Holy Family) contacted at: [sg.sfoa.bedworth@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.sfoa.bedworth@rcaob.org.uk) [sg.hf.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.hf.covty@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk)

**THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE OF ALL THREE PARISHES IS 02476333128 OR 07701303830**



St Francis



Holy Family



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity 234216

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**Saturday 21st September** *Weekend Mass Schedule for our Three Parishes*

At St Francis		3-345 Rosary Exposition Divine Mercy Confessions
At St Francis	Mass	4 00 pm Thanksgiving
At Holy Family	Mass	5 00 pm Michael & Philomena Kinsella 50th (Golden) Wed A

**Confessions** 415-445 pm (Holy Family)

**Sunday 22nd Sept 25th Sunday OT Year B**

At OLSH	Mass	9 30 am Phillip Andrews RIP
At Holy Family	Mass	10 00 am J & K Wood Sp Int Nkamdem Kamani Carine Epse Nzoge RIP A
At St Francis	Mass	11 30 am Raymond Thomas Small RIP

**Response to the Psalm "The Lord upholds my life "**

**Monday 23rd Sept**

At OLSH	Rosary	7 00 pm
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**Tuesday 24th Sept**

At Holy Family	Mass	9 30 am Imelda Slane and Fam
At OLSH	Mass	9 30 am Dylan Dodd 55th A Saffron Dodd 2nd A

**Wednesday 25th Sept**

At Holy Family	Mass	9.30 am Sp Int
At St Francis	Mass	9 30 am Birthday Mary T Grant

**THURSDAY 26TH SEPT**

AT HOLY FAMILY	MASS	9 30 am Frank, Mary Anne and Sean Owens RIP
AT OLSH	Mass	9 30 am Sp Int

**Friday 27th Sept**

AT HOLY FAMILY	HOLY HOUR	8 30 AM
At Holy Family	MASS	9 30 AM Sp Int
AT ST FRANCIS	MASS	9 30 AM Thanksgiving

**SATURDAY 28TH SEPT WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE FOR OUR THREE PARISHES 25TH SUNDAY**

AT ST FRANCIS		3-345 Rosary Exposition Divine Mercy Confessions
AT ST FRANCIS	MASS	4.00 PM Agnes Campbell 21st A RIP
AT HOLY FAMILY	MASS	5 00 PM Deborah Ormsby RIP Birthday

**HOLY FAMILY NEWS:**

**Young at Heart:** Thursday's 10 am in the Hall

**Langar Aid** All Donated food put in basket at back of church please. Thank you!

**Balamma Satram Holy Family charity India. Please continue to support.**

**BAPTISMS**

The next meeting to arrange baptisms is Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 7 00pm. For Bedworth and Bulkington Please contact the parish office.

**Holy Family Coventry - YouTube** Main Stream: <https://youtu.be/6HzIE4yJjoc>

**Knitting Group** TBC

**100 Club** Drawn last Sunday of every month

**Monday Parish Garden Volunteers.** Each Monday at 10 am

**Church Cleaning** Last Friday each month at 5.pm

**Extraordinary Ministers Rota**

Saturday 28th Sept Tony Stapleton

Sunday 29th Sept See rota list on notice board at church.

**Altar Serving.**

If you wish to join our excellent group of servers please come into the sacristy before Mass and let Robert know.

**Charity Project**

Old glasses and bottle tops being collected for a project in Malawi Africa please place in box in church

**Parish structures.**

As you know Fr Pat is the parish priest of three parishes and Fr Jinse is the assistant priest to all. We share the responsibilities of celebrating the Masses and Sacramental life in the parishes; this means that we are often at different churches each week celebrating the weekday and weekend Masses. Baptisms and funerals are shared between us. It is a good arrangement for the running of all three parishes. Fr Jinse is taking a lead role at Holy Family school this coming year, though it is a shared ministry. Fr Pat is taking the responsibility for St Francis school. As good as we are, we can't be in two places at the same time and it is a good use of our time to operate in this way.

Please pray for Lisa McDonald daughter in law of Rita Lisa died suddenly and was known to the parishioners of Holy Family, St Francis and OLSH. May she rest in peace.

## **ST FRANCIS BEDWORTH NEWS:**

### **150th anniversary of the Catholic mission at St Francis Bedworth**

This weekend, we are launching our fundraising appeal to raise funds to celebrate our 150 years of Catholic life here in St Francis. There is a banner showing our intention to celebrate this occasion in the best way possible, by decorating our church, clearing the grounds and making our boundaries secure. In the best interests of our parish, we are committed to restoring the properties in King Street, in order to actualise the best rents possible.

We have also created an accumulator board which will be left at the entrance of the church showing the amounts raised. The final figure on the board may look very ambitious, but realistically, this is the target that we need to achieve to cover all our costs. I am sure that with the thoughts of closing after covid, this is a way of working together to show a united front, that anything is possible, and we keep St Francis "ON THE MAP"

**OUR FIRST FUNDRAISING EVENT WILL BE SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER** - A nearly new sale / bric-brac This will take place at 10am in the hall with tea/coffee and cake. PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS THAT YOU DONATE ARE IN THE CONDITION YOU WOULD STILL WEAR YOURSELF. All money donations will be gratefully appreciated **OUR SECOND FUNDRAISER** this year will be an afternoon tea with raffle, on Saturday 30th November at 1.30pm in the hall, tickets will be available for this event in the first week of November. **THEN, OUR THIRD EVENT IS ON 13TH DECEMBER**, a joint Parish/School Christmas Bazaar. This will be held in the school, and once again donations of gifts to be sold will be very much appreciated. There will be a bottle tombola along with many other stalls. Please put these dates in your diary and support us in the best way that you are able. Many thanks

### **From St Francis School** "Life at St. Francis school"

Over the past few weeks, I have been enjoying getting to know the children of St. Francis. They have all settled so quickly and are working hard to achieve their God given potential. Social action is back on track this term, anyone who needs a food parcel please text 07741280959 on a Monday and your food parcel will be ready for collection on the following Friday. Don't struggle alone. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact St. Francis School on 02476 315279. We are also looking forward to hosting our McMillan Coffee Afternoon on the 27th of September at 2:00pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome!

**First Mass this Academic Year** I was blown away with the children's singing at Mass on Friday the 13th of September. The children in year 6 read beautifully as Father Pat shared Mass with us. I want to thank the parishioners for their support and encourage as many of you who can, to attend our next school Mass on Friday the 4th of October, the Feast Day of St. Francis.

### **MASS SCHEDULE CON'T SUNDAY 29TH SEPT**

AT OLSH	MASS	9 30 AM
AT HOLY FAMILY	MASS	10 00 AM
AT ST FRANCIS	MASS	11.30 AM

### **26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

Ray & Anita Simmonds 40th Wed A
Christine Connearn RIP
Philip Gilheaney RIP 3rd A
Peter & Paula Kennedy RIP

Masses will be LIVE STREAMED: Before each weekday Mass, the Rosary will be said at 9.15am. Masses at Bedworth and Bulkington are streamed live on MCN Media.

Minutes of the Finance Meeting at St Francis are on the board as you come into church

**JOINT PARISH PASTORAL FORUM/COUNCIL** There are 3 representatives from each parish, the sisters and clergy are also on the council. We are made up of three distinctive parishes, this group will explore ways of working closer together to engage more fully in the task of being Christ's body in our own time and place. Pilgrimages, fund raising, youth initiatives, care of the housebound and sick, and social events are suggestions for future planning

**QUARANT'ORE EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL** at St Thomas More from Thursday 3rd – Sunday 6th October 2024. During the forty hours, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and all are encouraged to come and spend time with the Lord.

**Rejoice and be glad'** – Five sessions of shared prayer and reflection on Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, 'Gaudete Exsultate' will be held in the meeting room at St Osburg's Church, Barras Lane CV1 4AQ, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm, beginning on Monday 7th October 2024 and thereafter on the following Monday evenings at the same time: October 14th & 21st, November 4th & 11th Participants will receive a free copy of 'Gaudete et Exsultate', for use between sessions. If you are interested in taking part in these sessions, please contact one of the following: Barbara McGowan: 07528644617 Paschal Somers: 07403625292 Deadline for registration – Friday 27th September 2024

### **A Psalm for Busy People : Based on the Twenty Third Psalm**

The Lord is my Pace Setter- I will not rush.

He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals,

He provides me with images of stillness, which restore my serenity

He leads me in ways of efficiency through Calmness of mind and His guidance is Peace.

Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day, I will not fret.

His Presence is here; His timeliness; His all-importance will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal for me in the midst of my activity, by anointing my mind with his oils of tranquillity, my cup of joyous energy overflows...

## **OLSH Bulkington News**

### **Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**

Thank you to all those who continue to support this appeal with items for the shoe-boxes as well as donations towards the cost of transport.

Earlier this month we packed 670 Christmas shoe boxes for boys and girls in the 12 - 15 age group. In September we will be packing for children age 6 - 11 years. All donations are gratefully received but, at the moment, we are particularly in need of soap, preferably wrapped, toothpaste, 6 inch/ 15cm rulers, pants and socks. ( Most supermarkets have own brand soap at 30p and toothpaste for 50p). Please contact cogs3561@hotmail.com or call 07900024385 for further information.

**Over 50's** Meet fortnightly next meeting 26th in the Hall

**UCM** Christmas Hamper Raffle -- Tickets will go on sale for this at the beginning of October. UCM Afternoon Tea to be held on 4th December 1.30pm in the hall

**Choir. In full swing for the autumn!**

**BULKINGTON 100 CLUB** (Aug 2024) 1st 10 2nd 3 3rd 26 Many thanks to everyone who supports the 100 club. Congratulations to the winners! Numbers are available if you would like to join at £2.00 per month. Prizes are £60, £25 and £15. See Janet Cooper.

**Don't forget – Not in it? Can't win it!**

**RED BOXES** The total collected for the June quarter was £309.43. This does not include donations made directly to APF/Missio. Many thanks to Mesdames: Andrews, Beddows, Chesterton, Langham, Waddoups and Waring and to Messieurs Alexander, Neale & Spicer, also to all the red box holders and donors who support Missio on a regular basis. If any parishioners would like to have a Red Box or would like to donate directly to Missio please contact Agnes Hill.

**Reading Rota - Bulkington** If you would like to be added to or removed from this rota, please let me know by email, cogs3561@hotmail.com, phone 07900024385 Thank you.

Before each weekday Mass, the Rosary will be said at 9.15am. Tea and Coffee after Mass in Bulkington on Sundays.

**Sacramental preparation** Communion classes for Baptised Catholic children in Year 3 and above will begin in November and those for Confirmation (Baptised Catholic children in Year 6 and above) will commence early in 2025. If you have any queries in the meantime, please email cogs3561@hotmail.com or call 07900024385

**COMMUNION FOR THE SICK:** If anyone you know is sick or housebound and would like to receive Communion, please contact the Sisters — Tel: 07789088406

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**HOSPITAL VISITING:** If you have a relative in hospital, please let the staff know as, due to GDPR, they cannot ask. Arrangements can then be made for the chaplain to visit.

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### **OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS: 15th September 2024**

<b>ST FRANCIS</b>	<b>BEDWORTH :</b>	<b>£524.54</b>	<b>+ Standing Orders</b>
<b>Our Lady of the Sacred Heart</b>	<b>BULKINGTON:</b>	<b>£568.77</b>	<b>+ Standing Orders</b>
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>Coventry</b>	<b>£580.21</b>	<b>+ Standing Orders</b>

Totals are inclusive of Gift Aid and Non Gift Aid envelope giving. They include donations given. Standing Orders vary week by week. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Parishioners at home in back benches**

They all sit at the back in this church, the priest did bemoan  
Perhaps it's my aftershave, sure it makes the house cat groan  
They are rooted at the back, does not matter what I do or say  
Father, one parishioner informed, it has always been this way!

Filling from the back benches, a tradition they observe  
To come before their maker in humility to serve  
A new priest he arrives in the parish, his eyes all a gleam  
He tells his new flock that Jesus wants them as his sunbeam!

He beckons them, come closer, he really does not want to shout  
But they are feigning deafness, hearing aid battery has run out  
The brand new shiny priest his patience they did test  
Determined to bring them closer, still he would try his best!

The new shine was wearing thin, the priest one day did sigh  
"I cannot bring them closer no matter what I try"  
He roped the benches off and thought that will do the trick  
But old man Mr Smith removed the ropes with his walking stick!

A few did take up the priests heartfelt invitation, the heavens to achieve  
Abandoning back benches, a comfort zone to leave  
In their place the tradition was upheld, others sought the benches at the back  
The priest he concluded, I can't make them change, I don't have the knack!

I suppose it really matters not, what part of the church you sit  
As long as the heart and mind are tuned in just a little bit  
The humble, the sinner, the young and the old  
All find their way to the back, despite what they are told!

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(For those who like to take a back seat!)