

Anniversaries Rev Vincent Lucas, Mgr Canon Francis Harold Drinkwater, Rev William Henry Brown, Rev John Ellis, Rev Cyril Barlow, Rev Joseph Rowland, Rev Denis Ryan, Deacon Brian Salter, Deacon Henry Atkinson, Rev Fergus O'Connell, Rev John Dewis, Sandra Cameron, John Bird, Anne Gallagher, Matt Ruddel, Patricia Woodhouse, Sean Brennan, John Whitehurst, Michael Alfred Wright, Mary McIlry John Batty, Robert lary, Vincent Donnelly Fr Sean Turley

The sick and their carers -: Susan Basnett, Sheila Hill, Pat Sugrue, Liam Carroll, Graham Sheen, Richard Beardsley and Julie Wastie-Beardsley, Natalie Sugrue, 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, 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, Mary Hannigan, Michael Ryan, Paul Culleton

Recently Deceased

Michael Moten (HF) Georgina Casemore (HF) Nicole Barnes (HF) Anne O'Malley (SF) John Soden (HF) Teresa Grant (SF) Mary Molloy (OLSH) Maria Carrasco (HF)

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 sg.hf.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

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St Francis



Holy Family



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity 234216

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Saturday 7th December *Weekend Mass Schedule for our Three Parishes*

At St Francis		3-345 Rosary Exposition	Divine Mercy Confessions
At St Francis	Mass	4 00 pm	John Budworth 1st A RIP
At Holy Family	Mass	5 00 pm	Vincent Duke RIP Ursula Pearson RIP Birthday

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

Sunday 8th December **Second Sunday of Advent Year C**

At OLSH	Mass	9 30 am	Howard Rowe RIP 24th A
At Holy Family	Mass	10 00 am	Concy Fernandes Birthday
At St Francis	Mass	11 30 am	Philomena O'Malley RIP

Response Psalm "What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad!"

Monday 9th Dec Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

At Holy Family	Mass	9 30 am	Sp Int
At St Francis	Mass	9 30 am	People of the Parish
At OLSH	Rosary	4 00 pm	

Tuesday 10th Dec

At Holy Family	Requiem	10.00 am	Michael Moten RIP
At OLSH	Mass	9 30 am	David Parnell RIP

Wednesday 11th Dec

At Holy Family	Mass	9.30 am	Michael McHugh RIP 5th A
At St Francis	Mass	9 30 am	Brian & Margaret Copson RIP

THURSDAY 12TH DEC

At Holy Family	MASS	9 30 am	Mary McAdams RIP 1st A
At OLSH	Mass	9 30 am	Anderson Family RIP
At Holy Family	Mass	12 00 Noon	Cardinal Newman end of Term
At Holy Family	Reception	5 00 pm	Georgina Casemore RIP

Friday 13th Dec

At Holy Family	Requiem	12 Noon	Georgina Casemore RIP
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SAT 14TH DEC WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

AT ST FRANCIS		3-345 Rosary Exposition	Divine Mercy Confessions
AT ST FRANCIS	MASS	4.00 PM	David Abell RIP
At Holy Family	Mass	5 00 pm	Deborah Ormsby RIP 4th A

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!

BAPTISMS

The next meeting to arrange baptisms is Tuesday 4th February 2024 at 7 00pm. For Bedworth and Bulkington Please contact the parish office.

Holy Family Coventry - YouTube Main Stream: <https://youtu.be/6HzIE4yJlJoc>

100 Club Numbers are always available please support.

Monday Parish Garden Volunteers. Each Monday at 10 am

Church Cleaning Last Friday each month at 5.pm

Extraordinary Ministers Rota

Saturday	14th Dec	Prashadi Rigters
Sunday	15th Dec	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 are being collected for a project in Malawi Africa please place in box in church

Those who need a DBS (most volunteers who will be working with adults and or children) should be completing the online DBS form stating they are a volunteer or get a purple DBS form to complete from Grainne Griffiths.

Gift Aid. Do you pay Tax? Do you give to the collection at Mass? If you do, then why not fill in a form and give it back to us and the Parish will get 25p back as Gift Aid from every pound given.

RAFFLE

From this weekend tickets will be on sale for the Christmas raffle, please be generous with donating raffle prizes and the buying of tickets. All proceeds for the upkeep of our church.

HEATING

Going forward from last weeks' bulletin regarding the heating in the church; the new burner and parts have now arrived in the country and we are hoping for delivery at the end of this week, the engineers will then be on site to install by the end of the following week. The cost to us will be around £10,000.00 , we will be looking to receive donations to help fund this work.

ST FRANCIS BEDWORTH NEWS:

150th anniversary of the Catholic mission at St Francis Bedworth

On the 7th December between 10am and 12 noon there will be a second- hand good condition toy sale in the hall for pre-school age 1 - 5 years ; any toys left over will go to the school for our joint Parish/School Bazaar on Friday 13th December. If you wish to start collecting items for the bazaar, please bring them to the church, either before or straight after the Masses. We are working very closely with the school and these notices will be in the school weekly news letters

St Francis Afternoon Tea

This was a great success; the hall was beautifully decorated with Christmas Trees and lights. The food was excellent and plentiful, everything was donated to achieve maximum funds going towards the 150 - year celebrations. We made £1000.00 clear profit which came from tickets sold and a raffle on the day. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this day a success. Since the launch of the 150 - year fundraising appeal in September, we have raised over £3000.00

DONATIONS OF GIFTS NEEDED FOR THE JOINT SCHOOL PARISH BAZAAR - IN SCHOOL,

FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER - 2.30pm ALL WELCOME The Parish Community is responsible for the Bottle Stall, Chocolate Stall and Bric-a-brac We need bottles of wine and spirits etc **AND ALSO AS MANY EMPTY WINE OR SPIRIT BOTTLES AS YOU CAN FIND and DONATE**

CHOIR

Looking forward to the 150 - year Celebration Mass with the Archbishop, we need to have a good choir. The school are more than happy to help with this but we do need adults as well. Nothing too difficult, a new Mass setting and hymns that will have a flavour of tradition and modern. The new Mass setting will be introduced at the 11.30 Sunday Mass in the New Year so that everyone will have the chance to learn and be familiar with all the singing on the day.

The Holy Spirit Catholic Mac will be providing a **Christmas Foodbank** this year. We are asked to support and collect donations for their charity. Donations can be given in an envelope marked "Mac Foodbank" and will be passed on.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: 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. 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(s) to be REMEMBERED underneath. Please place this through the Presbytery door OR GIVE TO FR Patrick, Mary, FR JINSE OR THE SISTERS, up until 19th Dec at the latest! Names after this cannot be included. What better way to remember your loved ones at this time!

MASS SCHEDULE CON'T SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 3RD SUNDAY ADVENT YEAR C

AT OLSH	MASS	9 30 AM	Julia & Kevin & Mary Anne Morris
AT HOLY FAMILY	MASS	10 00 AM	Teresa & Arthur Hawthorne RIP A
AT ST FRANCIS	MASS	11.30 AM	Noreen Jones RIP (Ladies Pilates)

Advent Penance Service

Saturday 21st December at St Francis 3-until 4 pm. Please come along for confession in preparation for Christmas.

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th Dec

At St Francis	Mass	4 00pm
At Holy Family	Mass	6 00 pm
At OLSH	Mass	8 00 pm
At Holy Family	Midnight Mass	12 00 am

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th Dec

At OLSH	Mass	9 00 am
At Holy Family	Mass	10 00 am
At St Francis	Mass	11 00 am

New Years Eve 11 pm Holy Hour followed by Midnight Mass

New Years Eve

There will be a midnight Mass at Holy Family on New Years Eve 31st December. A Holy Hour of Adoration, Worship and Praise in front of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for an hour before the Mass at Midnight. All Welcome

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: O most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession. O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God: (state your intentions here). O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen.

"Oh, well, soap only works when it is applied." A soap manufacturer and a priest were walking together down a street in a large city. The soap manufacturer casually said, "The Gospel you preach hasn't done much good, has it? Just observe. There is still a lot of wickedness in the world, and a lot of wicked people, too!" The priest made no reply until they passed a dirty little child making mud pies in the gutter. Seizing the opportunity, the priest said, "I see that soap hasn't done much good in the world either; for there is much dirt still here, and many dirty people are still around." The soap man said, "Oh, well, soap only works when it is applied." And the priest said, "Exactly! So, it is with the Gospel."

OLSH Bulkington News

Over 50's Meets in the Parish Hall 2nd Thursday of the Month Next Meeting 12th December 2pm-4.00pm Afternoon Tea £15 per person All welcome See Moira for tickets 07769557719 Final numbers and payments by December 6th.

UCM Christmas Hamper Raffle -- 1st Benita Hart 2nd Laura 3rd Moira Stewart 4th Bridie 5th Ann Miller 6th Lorraine Conway the prizes have all been claimed and £302 was raised thank you for your support. UCM Afternoon Tea Was lovely! Thank you for the invitation Fr Patrick enjoyed the afternoon.

Parish Choir. Are In full swing for the winter!

BULKINGTON 100 CLUB Numbers are available if you would like to join at £2.00 per month. Winners for November No 21 Moyniham No 15 Toal No 64 Hart Prizes are £60, £25 and £15. See Janet Cooper. **Don't forget – Not in it? Can't win it!**

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.

Sacramental preparation Due to circumstances beyond our control, First Communion classes will now begin on January 9th rather than November as originally planned. Classes for Confirmation will begin on the same date. First Communion classes will run on Thursdays from 4.30 - 5.30 pm for Baptised Catholic children in Year 3 and above. Confirmation classes will follow from 5.30 - 6.30 pm for Baptised Catholic children in Year 6 and above. Please register your interest by email, cogs3561@hotmail.com or by phone 07900024385.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

This week we have been packing shoe boxes for boys and girls in the age group 3 - 5 years. The final consignment for Christmas 2024 will leave the UK at the end of November on its journey to Ukraine, Romania, Moldova and Bosnia. We were delighted to learn that parishioners in Holy Family parish are keen to become involved. A leaflet with further information about the charity will be posted on the church notice board. You can also see the work of Teams4U on their website <https://teams4U.com>. The videos of children receiving their shoeboxes are very moving. Although we are coming to the end of this year's preparations, we will be starting again early in 2025. Please continue with your donations. We are always short of soap, flannels, toothpaste and brushes but any items will be gratefully received. We have a good supply of hats at the moment but would welcome scarves (approximately 75 cm/30 ins x 15 cm/6ins) and mittens/ gloves or handwarmers as well as knitted hand/ finger puppets.

Missio (Little red boxes) Darren Riddell has volunteered to take over

OLSH Con't Before each weekday Mass, the Rosary will be said at 9.15am. Tea and Coffee after Mass in Bulkington on Sundays.

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

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS: 1st December 2024

ST FRANCIS	BEDWORTH :	£462.70	+ Standing Orders
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart	BULKINGTON:	£416.87	+ Standing Orders
Holy Family	Coventry	£6 45.86	+ Standing Orders

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!

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.

The Red Mission Boxes for APF can be handed in to Holy Family to be counted.

Confirmation 2024

Bishop Richard has been in touch, and the confirmation dates for the parish have been allocated. **Holy Family Wednesday February 12th St Francis Wednesday March 19th** Please pray for those preparing the children for the sacrament in and out of schools, and the children, their families and our parish family too.

Masses are 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. **(The camera at Bulkington is not working as the WIFI receiver was damaged during the recent high winds it will be fixed soon!)**

Missalettes

There are now missalettes to help with following the Mass. At Bulkington and Bedworth the A3 sheets have a reflection on the inside from Fr Patrick about the concept of "like the dewfall" which is a line prayed during the Eucharistic Prayer at Masses. The Priest at Holy Family may choose a different Eucharistic Prayer to the one on the sheets.

Balamma Satram Holy Family charity India. Those who are suffering in the poorest places benefit from your support and all 3 parishes are welcome to support. All donations will help the poor directly.