

**Anniversaries** Rev Daniel O'Connor, Rev Michael O'Meara, Rev Edmund Motherway, Canon Gerald Patrick Breen, Rev Brian Doolan, Irene Bird, William Chamberlain, Molly O'Donnell, Jack McCullough, Charlie O'Connor, Anne Spicer, James McIlroy, Daniel Devlin, Rose Young, David Smith, Nancy Feeney, Michael Dickens, Julia Cook, Bernadette Whitehead, Mary McCann, Muriel Rutter, Leo Patrick Behan, Nigel Moynihan, Roy Foulger, Mary McCullough, Cathy Sammons, Evelyn Arnold, Hilda Emily Ward, Denis Cook, Annie McCarroll, Neil Chesterton, Sr Sabina Staff

**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**

Nicole Barnes (HF) Anne O'Malley (SF) John Brian Soden (HF) Teresa Grant (SF) Mary Molloy (OLSH) Maria Carrasco (HF) Patricia Short (OLSH) Maximo Ngandwe (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)

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**Holy Family**



**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart**

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**Saturday 14th 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	David Abell RIP
At Holy Family	Mass	5 00 pm	Deborah Ormsby RIP 4th A
			Anandiya Rigters 18th birthday
<b>Confessions</b>		<b>415-445 pm</b>	<b>(Holy Family)</b>

**Sunday 15th December** **Second Sunday of 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 Michael Wright RIP 16th A

Monday 16th Dec

At Holy Family	Mass	12 00 Noon	Cardinal Newman end of Term
At OLSH	Rosary	4 00 pm	

Tuesday 17th Dec

At Holy Family	Mass	9 30 am	Sp Int
At OLSH		9 30 am	Word and Communion Service

Wednesday 18th Dec

At Holy Family	Mass	9.30 am	Fr Sarves RIP
At St Francis	Mass	9 30 am	Noreen Jones RIP

THURSDAY 19TH DEC

At Holy Family	Requiem	10 30 am	John Brian Soden RIP
AT OLSH	Mass	9 30 am	Mary Molloy RIP
At St Francis School	Mass	2 00 pm	Whole school End of Term
At Holy Family	Reception	5 00 pm	Nicole Barnes RIP

Friday 20th Dec

At Holy Family	Requiem	11 00 am	Nicole Barnes RIP
AT ST FRANCIS	Mass	9 30 AM	Anne Patricia Spicer RIP 14th A
At Holy Family	Mass	2 00 pm	Christopher Quinn RIP 31st A Whole school

**SAT 21ST 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	Martin Jones RIP
At Holy Family	Mass	5 00 pm	John Savage RIP 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/6HziE4yJoc>

**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	21st Dec	Prashadi Rigters
Sunday	22nd 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 the engineers have replaced the burner so the heating is working again! 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**

The next fundraising for the parish will be in the new year events such as pancake tasting, sponsored walk, Easter raffle, and various other events throughout the year.

### **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

### **The Bazaar**

Took place in the school on Friday and there was an exceptional number of parents who attended. Many thanks to organisers and the school for your hospitality, the figures raised will be in next weeks newsletter!

### **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. There will be an appeal from the school and a retiring collection taken for the school charity

**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 22ND DECEMBER 3RD SUNDAY ADVENT YEAR C**

AT OLSH	MASS	9 30 AM	Nigel Patrick Moynihan RIP
AT HOLY FAMILY	MASS	10 00 AM	Theresa Carmel Choudhry RIP
AT ST FRANCIS	MASS	11.30 AM	Patrick Dillon RIP

### **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 at Holy Family 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

**There are Advent Penance Services** at Our Lady of the Angels Nuneaton on Monday 16th at 7 pm and also at Christ the King on Tuesday 17th at 7 00pm Fr Patrick will be helping at St Thomas More Coventry on Monday evening and will be attending the Penance service at Christ the King on Tuesday.

**Today is called "Gaudete" Sunday** because today's Mass begins with the Entrance Antiphon, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). Today we light the rose candle of the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose-coloured vestments, to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus, as our Savior. The theme of the third Sunday of Advent is rejoicing in hope. Advent is a time for joy, not only because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Jesus, but also because God is already in our midst. Christian joy does not come from the absence of sorrow, pain, or trouble, but from an awareness of the presence of Christ within our souls through it all.

**Response to the Psalm:** Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

## OLSH Bulkington News

**Over 50's** Meets in the Parish Hall 2nd Thursday of the Month Fr Patrick would like to say thank you so much for the kind invitation to the Afternoon Tea I enjoyed it very much!

**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.  
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**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.

### 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. Fr Patrick has a blog online that contains poems and reflections going back many years! You can visit it at [www.humblepiety.blogspot.com](http://www.humblepiety.blogspot.com)

**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. “

### “Always winter and never Christmas”:

In the second chapter of C.S. Lewis' book *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, little Lucy stumbles through the back of a wardrobe into the imaginary country of Narnia. Although it's summer in England (where the wardrobe sits), it's winter in Narnia. Shivering in the cold, Lucy soon meets a faun, Mr. Tumnus, who tells her what wintertime is like in Narnia. The wintertime is perpetual, says Mr. Tumnus, and is the result of someone called the White Witch. “It's she who makes it always winter (here),” Tumnus says, “Always winter and never Christmas; think of that!” (2) — What a wonderful description of a world without Christ: “Always winter and never Christmas . . .”