

Anniversaries Mgr Canon William Flint, Rev Patrick Wall, Rev Anthony Ireland, Bishop Francis Thomas, Mgr Canon Thomas Gavin, Rev Thomas Meagher, Rev Denis Murphy, Mgr Patrick O'Mahoney, Rev Colum McCabe, Rev Seamus McInerney, Rev David O'Callaghan, Rev Patrick Lynch, Deacon Peter Mason, Rev Anthony De Vere, Rev Martin Cassidy, Rev Philip Garrett, Rev Francis Dwyer, Rose Lary, Ruby Wade, Josie Devey, Alice Culleton, Peter Robinson, Michael Anderson, Phyllis Thompson, Harold Gardner, Jessi Cotterill, Christine Smith, Rosemary Mary White, Anne-Louise Healy, John Lappin, Jean Davenport, Sawzi Abu-Hamdan, Anne Seabright, Delia Rose Crosland, Robert Hill, Charles Gavigan, Stanley Dare, Phyllis Bryan, Tom Wood, John O'Donnell, Gertrude Fletcher, Veronica Homme-Wilson, Tom Noonan, Francis Moyana, Julia Vinod, Christine Connearn, James Martin Dunne, Joseph Fletcher, Eddie Dwyer, Alex Wright, Inge Will, Jean Clara Turner, John Stuart, Maria Ainsworth, Herman Will, Mary Jones, Doris Carter, Elizabeth (Chrissie) Garrett, Faye Turley, Laurie Western, Sheila Garry, Neville Gill, Jack Breen, Martin Fallon, Sarah Adams.

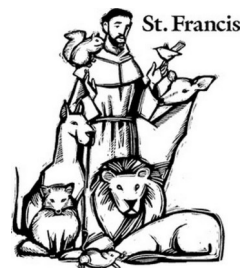
The sick and their carers -: Susan Basnett, Sheila Hill, Pat Sugrue, Liam Carroll, Graham Sheen, Richard Beardsley and Julie Wastie-Beardsley, Natalie Sugrue, Carmel, Mr Roe, Paul Tedds, Mary Evans, Ann Magee, Norman Barr, Peter Moore, Janet Pittam, Sue Owen, Jean Kimber, Lauren Glynn, Baby Florence, 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, Norma and Lester

Recently Deceased May they Rest in Peace

Teresa Grant (SF) Mary Molloy (OLSH) Maximo Ngandwe (OLSH) Catherine McVey (SF) Mary Cameron (HF) Margaret O'Grady (HF) Mary Folliard (OLSH)

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

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 11th January Weekend Mass Schedule for our Three Parishes

At St Francis		3-345 Rosary Exposition Divine Mercy Confessions
At Francis	Mass	4 00pm Allan Stewart RIP Rosemund Head A
At Holy Family	Mass	5 00pm Agnes McLeod RIP

Sunday 12th January The Baptism of the Lord

At OLSH Mass	Mass	9 30 am	Marion Singleton RIP Birthday A Julia & Kevin
At Holy Family	Mass	10 00 am	Oliver McDermott RIP A
At St Francis	Mass	11 30 am	Thanksgiving

Monday 13th Jan
OLSH Rosary 4 00 pm

Tuesday 14th Jan
At Holy Family No Mass
At OLSH Mass 9 30am Mary Folliard RIP

Wednesday 15th Jan
At Holy Family No Mass
At St Francis Requiem 9 30 am Mary Teresa Grant RIP

THURSDAY 16TH JAN
At OLSH Mass 9 30 am Paul & Teresa Tedds
At Holy Family Mass 11.00 am 70th Birthday Celebration

Friday 17th Jan
At St Francis Mass 9.30 am In St Francis School

With Fr Jinse away until February 6th and given the inclement weather we have at present, also with a large number of funerals that are to take place in the parish over the next few weeks there will be changes to the Masses in the weekday this month.

SAT 18TH JAN WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

AT ST FRANCIS		3-345 Rosary Exposition Divine Mercy Confessions
AT ST FRANCIS	MASS	4.00 PM Liam Duncan RIP A
At Holy Family	Mass	5 00 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY

At OLSH	Mass	9 30 am	Benefactors of the DSFS
At Holy Family	Mass	10 00 am	Sp Int
At St Francis	Mass	11.30 am	Elizabeth Piper

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	11th Jan	Tony Stapleton
Sunday	12th Jan	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

Hall Car Park Gas Leak

When the work begins to fit a new gas pipe the car park will have to close until the work is complete. Due to the problems with heating and car parking Slimming World have relocated to another venue. The hall is a major source of income for Holy Family and the loss of one paying group means a loss of income to the parish. The parish council have advised to have a set weekly income from all existing groups who use the hall. In the current climate working together and being generous for the good of the parish is paramount. Keeping churches open requires all to pull together. I am grateful for donations received and for the increase that some parishioners have made to the offertory collections also. Giving is a beatitude and supports so much.

Mass with Archbishop Bernard:

To celebrate the school's 70th Birthday there will be a Mass this Thursday at 11 00 am in the Holy Family church. All are welcome. An anniversary and a visit from the Archbishop is an opportunity to showcase the very best aspects of Catholic life that our school strives to embrace. As a parish community we continue to support our schools and we offer our warmest congratulations to Holy Family school on this milestone.

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.

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.

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.

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

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<https://www.youtube.com/live/I2PH2dyESxE?si=oqXbBySFOMWqmdPs>

Please Note.

The internet is not working properly at St Francis and is being replaced, when this is done, the live webcam for St Francis will be working. Please be patient it is in hand!

There is a School Mass on Friday 9 30 am in the school hall at St Francis. All Welcome

A couple of questions: 1) Why did Jesus, the sinless Son of God, receive the “baptism of repentance” meant for sinners? 2) Why did Jesus wait for thirty years to begin his public ministry? The strange answer for the first question given by the apocryphal book, The Gospel according to the Hebrews, is that Jesus received the baptism of John to please his mother and relatives. In this humble submission, we see a foreshadowing of the “baptism” of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus’ baptism by John was the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God’s suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father’s will. Out of love, He consented to His baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Many Fathers of the Church explain that Jesus received John’s baptism to identify himself with his people, who, as a result of John’s preaching, for the first time in Jewish history became aware of their sins and of their need for repentance. The Jews had the traditional belief that only the Gentiles who embraced Jewish religion needed the baptism of repentance, for, as God’s chosen people, the Jewish race was holy. Jesus might have been waiting for this most opportune moment to begin his public ministry. The Fathers of the Church point out that the words which the Voice of the Heavenly Father speaks are similar to Psalm 2:17, revealing Jesus’ identity (“This is My beloved Son”) and to Isaiah 42:1 referring to the “suffering servant” (“with whom I am well pleased”), revealing Jesus’ mission of saving mankind by His suffering and death.

Part of the ritual: The story is told about the Baptism of King Aengus by St. Patrick in the middle of the fifth century. Sometime during the rite, St. Patrick leaned on his sharp-pointed staff and inadvertently stabbed the king’s foot. After the baptism was over, St. Patrick looked down at all the blood, realized what he had done, and begged the king’s forgiveness. “Why did you suffer this pain in silence,” the Saint wanted to know. The king replied, “I thought it was part of the ritual.” (Knowing the Face of God, Tim Stafford, p. 121ff).

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS: 5th January 2024

ST FRANCIS	BEDWORTH :	£463.93	+ Standing Orders
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart	BULKINGTON:	£266.29	+ Standing Orders
Holy Family	Coventry	£545.71	+ 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!

OLSH Bulkington News

Over 50's Meets in the Parish Hall 2nd Thursday of the Month

UCM Next meeting Wednesday 22nd January in the Parish Hall 2 pm AGM and Shared table and bring and buy.

Parish Choir. Sing at the 9 30 am Mass every week. Thank you for the music!

BULKINGTON 100 CLUB Numbers are available if you would like to join at £2.00 per month. The December draw took place at the UCM meeting last week and the numbers will be published next week! 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.

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

Knight of St Gregory. Dr Joseph Booker will be given this Papal award by the Archbishop on Sunday 2nd February at OLSH at 12 noon Mass. We congratulate and celebrate with Eileen and Dr Joseph's family. There will be refreshments afterwards in the hall. We hope to get volunteers to help with the Mass and also with the tea's in the hall afterwards.

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Sacramental preparation First Communion classes began on January 9th. 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.

GENERAL NEWS OF INTEREST TO ALL THREE CHURCHES

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 Holy Family, St Francis and OLSH are streamed live on YouTube.

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

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.

LGBTQ+ MEETINGS: Members of the LGBTQ+, their friends and family meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Diamond House, Stoney Road Age 18+. Next meeting 7:00pm date tba at 13 Stoney Road, CV1 2NP. For more information, please contact Deacon Leo on 024 7641 9731 or dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk.

DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS GROUP MEETINGS: St Osburg's, 7pm to 9pm. Meeting dates 28th January, 18th February, 11th March, 8th April, 13th May, 17th June. To find out more please email Fr Benedict fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk.

RETREAT DAY FOR READERS: Saturday 25th January 9:30am – 1pm at St Osburg's.

RETREAT DAY FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Saturday 22nd March 22nd 9:30am – 1pm at St Thomas More's.

YEAR OF JUBILEE began on Tuesday 24th December. The theme is 'Pilgrims of Hope' and is a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. The Jubilee Year is a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. the concept of Jubilee or 'Holy Year' was used to declare special years for forgiveness and reconciliation.