

ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel Breslin, Marjorie Haddon, Sheila Vincent (Hutchings), Mary Darleston Jim Hurley, Margaret Applegate, Susan 'Anne' Fallan, Martin Conway, Sam McCarroll, Katie O'Connor, Albert Ashley, George Ward, Phylis Golby, Lorna Horsley, Anne Crawley, Doris Cadman, Margaret O'Connor, Joyce Todd, Joseph English, Rev Charles Ross, Rosemary Walker, Michael Joseph Ritchie, Bill McDonald, Tony Dot, Hannie O'Meara

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, Ferdi, John Diver, Bob Darleston

RECENTLY DECEASED MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Mary Folliard (OLSH) Dympna Barber(HF) Andrew Bull (SF) John Donelley (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

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St Francis



Holy Family



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity 234216

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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Saturday 1st February Weekend Mass Schedule for our Three Parishes

At St Francis		3-345 Rosary Exposition Divine Mercy Confessions
At Francis	Mass	4 00pm Mary and Grandson Hugh Wallace RIP
At Holy Family	Mass	5 00pm Peter Fitzsimons RIP

Sunday 2nd February

At OLSH Mass	Mass	9 30 am	Ken Hagan RIP 12th A
At Holy Family	Mass	10 00 am	Jack Scally RIP A Hannie O'Meara 20th A
At St Francis	Mass	11 30 am	Monica Cole RIP 6th A
At OLSH	Mass	12 Noon	Knights of St Gregory

Psalm response "The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory! "

Monday	3rd Feb		
OLSH	Rosary	4 00 pm	
OLSH	Reception	6.00pm	Mary Folliard RIP
Tuesday	4th Feb		
At Holy Family	No Mass		
At OLSH	Requiem	9 30am	Mary Folliard RIP
Wednesday	5th Feb		
At Holy Family	No Mass		
At St Francis		9 30 am	Communion and Word
THURSDAY	6TH FEB		
At Holy Family	Mass	8 30 am	Fr Paul Lomas RIP
At OLSH	Mass	9 30 am	Horace Birch RIP
Friday	7th Feb		
At Holy Family	Mass	9 30 am	People of the Parish
At St Francis	Mass	9.30 am	Mary Cheesmond & Ian Bell RIP

SAT 8TH FEBRUARY WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

At St Francis		3-345 Rosary Exposition Divine Mercy Confessions
At St Francis	MASS	4.00 PM Paul & Teresa Tedds (Stewart Family)
At Holy Family	Mass	5 00 pm Olive & Roman Szul RIP

SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 4TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

At OLSH	Mass	9 30 am	Eddie Smith RIP
At Holy Family	Mass	10 00 am	Frankie Huston RIP
At St Francis	Mass	11.30 am	Henry & Elizabeth Cheesmond RIP

OLSH Bulkington News

OVER 50's Parish Hall 2nd Thursday of the Month next meeting 13th Feb 2pm "Lions"

UCM On Wednesday, 2.00pm

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!**

KNIGHT OF ST GREGORY.

Dr Joseph Booker will be given this Papal award by the Archbishop at OLSH at today's 12 noon Mass. We congratulate and celebrate with Eileen and Dr Joseph's family. There will be refreshments afterwards in the hall **invite only** as there will be many guests and visiting priests coming for the celebration. Dr Joseph has been granted this honour in recognition of the contribution he has made to the diocese and beyond, acknowledging his work in Lourdes and to catholic life in society. (There no teas after 9 00 am Mass this week on the 2nd as the hall is being prepared)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PREPARATION- PARISH GROUPS

We are now 4 weeks into our programme of classes and getting to know the new children. Please pray for all those in this year's First Communion group - Alex, Bobby, Carson, Christina, Damien, Elaine, Kajus, Klea, Jakub, Marika, Natalia, Nataniel, Sara and Theo. We now have two candidates for Confirmation this year - Alex, whom many of you will know from the 9.30am Mass and Amelia. Please remember them in your prayers .

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

The final total of shoe boxes sent from our group for Christmas 2024 was 2203. They were received by children in Oradea, Western Romania as well as Moldova and Ukraine. Each box contains a Christmas card and, this year, one of the Ukrainian parents tracked down our base at Stretton on Dunsmore and sent a lovely letter of thanks for the box received by his daughter. Thank you to everyone who gave their support last year with donations of items for the boxes as well as money to finance the transport costs. We take a breather in January but will be renewing our efforts from next month. If you are able to support us this year please leave your donations in the church porch or we can arrange collection. Please email cogs3561@hotmail. Com or phone 07900024385 for further information.

POPE FRANCIS:

We need to honour the elderly and respect their wisdom earned through experience: It's good for the elderly to communicate their wisdom to the young; and it's good for the young people to gather this wealth of experience and wisdom, and to carry it forward, not so as to safeguard it in a museum, but to carry it forward addressing the challenges that life brings, to carry it forward for the sake of the respective religious orders and of the whole Church.

ST FRANCIS BEDWORTH NEWS:

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHOLIC MISSION AT ST FRANCIS BEDWORTH

The next fundraising for the parish will continue throughout the year with events such as pancake tasting, a sponsored walk, an Easter raffle, and various other events.

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 is being introduced at the 11.30 Sunday Mass so that everyone will have the chance to learn and be familiar with all the singing on the day. The children have begun to sing this when they come to Friday Mass in church.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK:

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

CHURCH PAINTING

We have been asked by a couple of parishioners about the colours chosen for the church. We looked at the colours in the floor and the windows in the church, the colours chosen reflect these liturgical colours and will bring out the beauty of the colours in the St Francis - stained glass window in the sanctuary, also highlighting the side windows and the rich wood of the beams giving back character to the church. Our church needed repair to some of the wood which has now been fully treated and all the damp areas have been taken out and re-plastered; when these works were completed, painting was necessary. We thank you for your patience while work is being carried out.

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

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Presents the head of the Holy Family, Joseph, faithfully obeying God's law given through Moses concerning the purification of the mother and the redeeming of the child, by presenting Mary and the Baby Jesus in the Temple. The events recounted appear elsewhere in the liturgical year but are those we traditionally celebrate today, February 2nd, with the Feast of Presentation of Jesus. The creche at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome is left in place until today, marking the end of Christmas season.

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. If you wish to make a small donation to the missalettes please place in the basket. Many Thanks!

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. Please Pray for Sr Teresa who is a religious sister there, she is ill with Leukaemia.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS: 26th January 2024

ST FRANCIS	BEDWORTH :	£ 613.59	+ Standing Orders
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart	BULKINGTON:	£332.04	+ Standing Orders
Holy Family	Coventry	£ 593.81	+ 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!

DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

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 EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS:

Saturday 22nd March 22nd 9:30am – 1pm at St Thomas More's.

ON WEDNESDAY Fr Patrick is attending the Care of the Clergy Meeting in Birmingham.

ON THURSDAY Fr Jinse returns from his annual leave in India we welcome him back!

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DEANERY DIOCESE AND BEYOND.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

pilgrimage runs from Saturday 24 - Friday 30 May 2025 with the theme: "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope". If you would like to travel to Lourdes but in need of assistance help will be given. Assisted pilgrims have the support of doctors, nurses, carers and hospitaliers throughout their time on pilgrimage. You will participate fully in the pilgrimage and experience the love of God through the care, love and friendship of volunteers.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE

Register now. Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. To be held on Saturday 3 May, 12noon, at St Chad's Cathedral. Celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker. Please register by Sunday 13 April.

PRIESTHOOD: FRAILTY

Frailty
builds a shelter
in the surrounds of my heart,
the fortress of security creaks
as fatigue creeps inside;
on my knees,
prayer whispers surrender,
a soaking of quietness covers me,
head bowed, I hear his call,
Christ's voice soothes, reassures,
joy resumes,
an intoxicating measure
of grace flows within:
"Do this in Memory of Me!"
Echoes throughout
each expectant heartbeat
where my priesthood
rediscovers a secure home
at the silent altar,
on the grace filled sanctuary,
here in trembling sincerity,
I embrace my frailty.

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JUST MOVING ON.

*"What is death
if not a drawing closer
to the light of God's eternal love."*

A lifetime of anointed service,
mere grains in the sand.
Passing time stretches out
an aged feeble hand.

Packing bags
after this sacred journey,
that's living.

A breath of inspiration,
a gift found in the giving.
Where are we heading
from our days under the sun?
Every ending is not quite arriving,
just moving on.

He puts down his breviary,
dusts down his ego.
Steps towards the Christ who calls,
finally letting go.

Fr Patrick Brennan December 2023 ©

HOLY FAMILY NEWS:

YOUNG AT HEART:

Thursday's 10 am in the Hall resuming this week

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	1st Feb	Tony Stapleton
Sunday	2nd Feb	See Rota

ALTAR SERVING.

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

HALL CAR PARK GAS LEAK

The gas pipes have now been lain under the tarmac of the hall car park, however the car park will have to be closed for a few days when the meter housing is replaced to stop vandalism taking place. Thank you for your patience.

THE FEAST OF CANDLEMAS.

This feast is also known as Candlemas because of the tradition of blessing and distributing candles and holding a candlelight procession on this day. These practices are drawn from Simeon's words in the gospel for this feast, in which he prophesies that the child Jesus will become "a light for revelation to the Gentiles."

FR PATRICK

Has included in this weeks newsletter two Poems/ reflections upon the Priesthood you can find his other writings and reflections on his online blog: humblepiety.blogspot.com