

St Bernardine, Buckingham & St Martin, Brackley

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King Year 2020, Year A

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Mass Intentions: Sat (Adrian Spencer), **Sun** (K. Gillions & C. Murrey, Meg Henderson), **Mon** (Holy Souls, Margaret Pole Rourke), **Tue** (Dawn O'Neill, Sue Yeomans, Teresa Miranda RIP), **Wed** (Adrian Spencer), **Thu** (Mary Joyce RIP, Maureen Smith), **Fri** (A. J. James RIP & Adrian Spencer)

Mass Intentions:

Wish you all the blessings of Christ the King.

Advent Reflection through ZOOM: Advent begins next Sunday, 29th November, and our churches will still be closed for public worship. We await the news of when we can reopen, but our journey through Advent is certainly going to be different this year. I would like to invite you to take part in a **ZOOM meeting** next **Sunday at 4pm** and each **Thursday at 4pm during Advent**. We will have a short reading from scripture followed by a reflection and prayer. The sessions will last for no longer than 30 minutes. **Zoom Meeting ID: 439152636, Password: 4a2emK**. We are grateful to Redemptorist Publications for allowing us to use the Stations of the Infancy by **Fr. Dennis McBride** for our reflections.

Christmas Gifts for the Needy: Many of you are kind enough to bring gifts to our Christmas Eve mass for children in the community who may not otherwise be fortunate enough to receive any. Because of the uncertainties around Christmas masses this year we would like to request that you bring gifts to the church at the earliest opportunity so that they can be sorted and distributed before Christmas. **Gifts should be wrapped and clearly marked with age please**. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

BEMA: We are planning to publish the BEMA Parish Magazine in time for Christmas, so we would like your contributions of articles of interest, recipes, jokes, puzzles etc., as soon as possible. As in previous years, we will also have a section for your Christmas messages to fellow parishioners. Donations of £5 (plus?) will be sent to CAFOD World Gifts. Any contributions to BEMA, including Christmas messages, can be sent to peter.gannaway14@gmail.com - or left in the box in the porch, where you can also place CAFOD donations. **Deadline 14 December**. There was a mistake in the email ID of Peter Gannaway given last week. Please follow the corrected ID this week.

The Buckingham Food Bank is grateful for donations of the following foodstuffs. UHT milk, tinned fruit and vegetables, pasta and sauces, beans, noodles, cereal, tea, coffee, spaghetti in sauce, tinned or packet soup, long life juice, rice pudding, custard. Donations can be made at The Centre, Verney Close, every Tuesday morning, or you can **contact Kate or Maggy** and they will collect from you and deliver to the food bank.

St. Bernardine's will be open for Private Prayer from **9.am to 10.am Monday to Friday**, and from **10.am to 12.pm on Saturdays and Sundays**. There will be **exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 10.am to 12.pm, with time for confession**. St. Martin, will be open for private prayer on **Wednesday 7.30pm to 8.pm, Friday 10.am to 10.30am and Sunday from 9.am to 10.am**, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Lockdown Time Assistance: If you need to speak to a priest, please call me on **01280 817855**, Don't feel lonely; the days ahead may be long but together we will get to the joy of Advent and Christmas. If you need anything and you are unable to get out, your parish team is here to help you. **Maggy and Kate** are at the end of the phone and they will do their best to help you. **Maggy Vince, 07581780701, Kate Harper 07831688209**

Children's Liturgy Papers Available: Parents who wish to sit with their children and do the Sunday Catechism, kindly collect the papers from the parish office or from the Church porch.

Where our MPs stand on the lockdown ban on Mass: Replying to a parishioner's email asking them to oppose the ban on attending Mass, **Greg Smith MP for Buckingham** said, "I firmly believe public worship should be able to continue." He is writing to the Secretary of State for clarification of the rules, and when Parliament scrutinises the legislation soon he will ensure that "constituents' concerns are voiced." **Andrea Leadsom**, MP for S. Northants (Brackley), restated Government policy in favour of the ban.

We pray for those whose Anniversaries occur this Week: Josephine Jenkins, Michael Sharp, Oliver Smetz, Adrian Spencer, Fr. Jack Dempsy, Patrick Treacy, Joyce Keeley, Peter Marr, Josephine Carnegie, Mathew McCullagh, Jose Veiga Barreiro, Jenny Ellis Jubber, Laura Dade, Fergus Moran, Ralph Platt.



Last Week's Offertory Collection: St. Bernardine's: Nil

St. Martin: Nil

Thank You