

SAFEGUARDING: PERMANENT NOTICE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies and procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is J. Barr who can be contacted

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THIS SUNDAY: PAX CHRISTI

There will be a second collection for this Catholic Charity which promotes peace in the world, **over this Sunday**, which is kept as Peace Sunday.

WELCOME

We welcome into the Catholic Church, **MICHAEL FRANCIS LATHAM AND THEODOR MICHAEL YARDLEY** who were baptised recently at St. Austin's Church.

We pray for Theodor and Michael, for their parents, family members and Godparents.

NEXT SUNDAY: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis instituted 'The Sunday of the Word of God' to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, with the Apostolic Letter in the form of a Motu proprio 'Aperuit illis' issued on 30 September, 2019. **We keep it on this Sunday.**

ALSO NEXT SUNDAY

We will have a retiring collection to defray the costs of the 'Walk with Me' booklets etc. which have been available recently.

If you have benefitted from using them, please think of making a donation, thank you.

2023 ANNUAL CRIB COLLECTION: 'LET THE CHILDREN LIVE!'

The Crib Collection at Christmas was £1812-15. Thanks to you all for your generous crib donations in both churches over the season of Christmas, out of devotion to our new-born Saviour. I wish to thank most sincerely, the members of SALVE, who, this year, raised **£200** as a result of their pre-Christmas sale of mince pies and other goodies, and also to thank all those who so generously supported them.

This makes a grand total of £2012-15

This total will make a **significant** difference to the work of 'Let the Children Live!'

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Tickets are now available for the CWL Coffee Morning on **Saturday 27 January at 10:00 a.m.** in aid of Myton Hospice and the Waverley Day Centre. This will take place at St. Francis' Parish Centre.

SVP COMMUNITY WARM HUB

The SVP Warm Hub continues to meet **every Tuesday morning** (10am to 12 noon) in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along for the morning, or just drop in for refreshments and enjoy the warm, friendly atmosphere.

MEDITATION MEETING

The next Meditation with a Mantra meeting will be on **Thursday 18 January** at 31 Oaklands Court, 212 Warwick Road. All are welcome.

For further information please call 859474 or 07733273858.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE CHARITY COLLECTION

The collection in 2024 will take place at all masses over **Sunday 10 / 11 February**. I commend to you all this collection for such an important work locally based and working nationally.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

We shall begin the octave of prayer for the unity of all Christian people on **Thursday, 18 January**.

All parishioners are invited to a United Service at St John's Church, Warwick Road on Sunday, 21 January 2024 at 6.00pm.

The prayer of Jesus: - "Father that they may be one, as we are one" must be in our hearts and minds as we pray for all our baptised sisters and brothers in Christ.

PARISH MEETINGS

The next Parish Finance Committee meeting is on **Monday 22 January 2024 at 7pm.**

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is on **Tuesday 23 January 2024 at 7.30pm.**

Both meetings will take place at the Priest's House.

CONDOLENCES

The Funeral Mass for Anne Waterhouse will be at St Austin's Church on **Thursday, 25 January at 1.00pm**, followed by cremation.

The Funeral Mass for Peter Jarvis will be at St Francis' Church on **Wednesday, 31 January at 1.30pm** followed by cremation.

May these, and all recently departed souls, rest in peace.

CTKD MEETING

The next Meeting of 'Churches Together' will be at Abbey Hill United Reformed Church on **Thursday, 25 January 2024 at 7.30 pm.**

Mass at St Francis' Church will be at 9.30 am that morning.

SVP: FOODBANK COLLECTION

At a time of increasing demand, members of SVP will be holding their next collection of non-perishable food and household items for local Foodbanks on **Saturday, 27 January between 11.00am and 1.00pm, in the car park of St. Francis' Church.** If you are able to contribute, the Foodbanks are particularly in need of long-life fruit juice and milk, tinned vegetables, instant mash, coffee, tinned fruit, tomato ketchup, brown sauce, jam, toilet rolls, deodorant, washing up liquid, laundry powder. If you would like to donate, but are unable to attend at the above time, please phone 01926 858436 and we can pick up from your doorstep at your convenience.

(Please note – at present, Foodbank does not need baked beans, soup, tea or cereals).

We would like to thank parishioners for their generous support throughout 2023.

CONFIRMATION MASS

We hope to welcome Archbishop Bernard Longley, to the parish for the celebration of the Mass of Confirmation on **Thursday, 8 February 2024, at 7.00 pm.**

Please keep in prayer the candidates for Confirmation from St Augustine's School and the Parish Group. There will be a Mass for parishioners at **12 noon on that day** as well as the Confirmation Mass.

**WITH EVERY BLESSING AND GOOD WISH TO YOU ALL,
FATHER KEVIN.**