

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.

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THIS 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 THIS SUNDAY

We 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.

SUNDAY CLOSURES HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED FOR KENILWORTH'S WARWICK ROAD OVER THE COMING WEEKS.

Please note that Kenilworth Town Council has announced the town centre road will be shut between St John's roundabout and St John's Road **towards the town centre**, on **Sunday 28 January, Sunday 4 February and Sunday 11 February 2024**. The road is expected to be closed between 8am and 5pm. The closures are for drainage works.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

We began 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 this 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.

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

The Crib Collection at Christmas was £1812-15. 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!'

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.

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.

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 hall. Everyone is welcome to come along to enjoy the warm, friendly atmosphere and free refreshments. On **23 January** there will be a representative from the Citizens' Advice Bureau available for anyone wishing to consult confidentially.

SALVE

Salve Members are collecting the following items on behalf of Carriers of Hope (for refugees etc.) and would be very grateful for donations. Irons, kettles, toasters, saucepans, baby clothes up to two years, blankets, sheets/pillowcases. These must be clean and in good condition. Please leave them at end of narthex by the brown box.

The next SALVE meeting will be on Tuesday 23 January at 10.30 a.m. when we will discuss our activities for this year, followed by Mass at 12.00 noon.

New members are always very welcome.

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.

Patrick (Paddy) Murphy died recently in Warwick Hospital. A Coventry police officer for many years, he will be missed by family and friends. Our sympathy goes to his wife Noelle and to his children, Dawn and Paul.

Jim McCarthy, a regular worshipper, and a reader at the 8.30 am Mass, died last Sunday afternoon. A parishioner over many years, with a distinguished business career and both Captain and President of Kenilworth Golf Club and Financial Director of 'Acorns', Jim will be greatly missed by family and friends alike. We offer our sympathy to Jim's wife, Lynda and to all the family.

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

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.