

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

at sg.stfrancis.kenilworth@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

LENT 2024

- What about coming to **an extra Mass in the week? Celebrating Reconciliation?**
- Stations of the Cross Friday **7pm** at **St Francis' Church**, and Sunday **4.30pm**, at **St Austin's Church**.
- 'Walk with Me' booklets and calendars are still available.
- Veronica Cutler and Maureen Hazelwood have decided to hold their next session of Scripture discussions **after Easter**. **The subject will be the Holy Spirit.**

THIS SUNDAY

We keep **Mothering Sunday** when we congratulate all Mothers and Grandmothers who are at Mass and thank God for the part played by **all the ladies of our parish**.

We thank God for our own Mothers, living or departed; for our Holy Mother Church and for the spiritual motherhood of Our Lady.

Leaflets for Holy Week and Easter and 'Easter Offering' envelopes are available.

In the middle of Lent, flowers and rose-coloured vestments encourage us to rejoice, 'Lactare', as our Lord's glorious Passion and Resurrection are approaching.

There is a Missio – Red Box appeal from Father Joseph also on this Sunday.

CELEBRATION FOR FATHER DAVID

Congratulations to Father David in advance of his Birthday on Tuesday. We are having a celebration in the Parish Centre for his Anniversary and Birthday **this Sunday after the 10.30 am Mass. If you have indicated you are attending, then please remember to come.**

NEXT SUNDAY

We shall begin the solemn period of Lent, **Passiontide**, which brings us closer to the events of our Lord's saving passion and death, with the veiled appearance of our church reflecting the solemnity of this holy season.

There will be a retiring collection to provide the floral decorations for Easter.

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 to enjoy the warm, friendly atmosphere and free refreshments.

FROM 'LET THE CHILDREN LIVE!'

Thank you so much for your crib collection, which was a very good one! **We've also received a cheque for £500 from one of your parishioners which boosts the total given to £2,512.15p.** A letter of thanks and receipt will follow. With all good wishes and thanks for your continued support, Pauline Allan, Administrator.

SALVE

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 12 March at 10.30am** when plans will be finalised for St Patrick's coffee morning.

This meeting will follow on from the Mass which will be at 9.30 am that day.

FROM MAUREEN Is anyone missing a size 14 navy gilet which was left in my house possibly after a Scripture group meeting - Maureen Hazelwood - 01926 858680?

GAZA AND THE HOLY LAND

You are invited to a Lenten Reflection and update by Peter Rand MBE. Why not join in prayer for the future of our fellow Christians and others in the Holy Land at this time of crisis in Gaza? This will be on **Wednesday 13 March at St Francis' Parish Centre, Warwick Road, Kenilworth, CV8 1HL from 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm until 8.30 pm.** Peter's up to date knowledge is based on personal connections from his fourteen years as Vice Chair and Trustee of Friends of the Holy Land, a national ecumenical charity based in Kenilworth. **RSVP** 01926 852163 or email

peter.rand@btinternet.com

SALVE COFFEE MORNING

The annual coffee morning in honour of St Patrick takes place on **Saturday, 16 March**, in the Parish Centre from 10.30-12.00 in aid of Zoe's Place, children's hospice. Excellent homemade cakes will be on sale with a gift stall and a raffle. **Unwanted gifts from parishioners for stall would be very much appreciated. Tickets at £3 will be on sale after Mass this Sunday.**

Salve members look forward to your support for this very worthwhile event.

PARISH MEETING

The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is on **Tuesday 19 March at 7.30pm.**

The contact is Robert Wilkinson robert@fastmail.net

SVP FOODBANK COLLECTION

The SVP will be holding its next collection of food and household items for local Foodbanks between **11.00am and 1.00pm, on Saturday, 23 March** in St. Francis' Church car park.

In particular the Foodbanks need non-perishable vegetarian options, UHT Long life milk, fruit juice or squash, jam, tinned fruit, instant mash potato, dry noodles, washing powder, home cleaning products.

If you would like to contribute, but are unable to attend at the above time, please phone 01926 858436 and we can collect from your doorstep at your convenience.

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE - 29 MARCH 2024

This popular service will once again be held in St Augustine's school grounds. Meet at the school gate at **9.30am** on Good Friday. Children and young people who would like a speaking part are asked to phone Nikki Mottram (859675) and come along a few minutes early on the day. Come prepared for whatever weather!!

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

The Act of Worship organised by Churches Together in Kenilworth and District takes place at **Abbey End** at **10.45am** and is followed by the procession of Witness to Abbey Hill and the planting of the Cross. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this joint proclamation of our faith with our Christian sisters and brothers locally.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

This annual collection will be taken as usual **after the 3.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy.**

N.B. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held at the Parish Centre on Sunday, 7 April at 6.30 pm-all welcome.

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