



### **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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### **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**.

### **THIS SUNDAY**

We begin that 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 time.

There are **charts in each church** to sign up for the foot washing, and the watch at the altar of repose until midnight on Maundy Thursday. Please sign them if possible.

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

**We shall hear a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop at today's Masses**

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

**We keep Palm Sunday as we begin Holy Week, the most solemn week of the Christian year.** After so much disruption over recent years, it is wonderful to think that we are all able to keep Holy Week as a parish family, and especially the Sacred Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, celebrating the Liturgies together. Please make every effort to be present if you are able.

### **CELEBRATION FOR FATHER DAVID**

I wish to express my thanks, and those of all who attended last Sunday's Reception to celebrate Father David's Priestly Anniversary and Birthday. Angela Cowley and the team who organised the event did so wonderfully, and I am grateful to them and to other parishioners who helped on the day. It was a really lovely parish occasion, and I know that Father David and his family enjoyed it. By the way, the birthday cake was, I think, the booziest I have ever eaten and was decorated to perfection. Thank you all!!

### **FATHER DAVID WRITES:**

"I would like to thank Fr Kevin and everyone in the parish who have sent me prayers, good wishes, cards and gifts at the time of my birthday, and remembering the anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. My special thanks for the generous parish gift too. I cannot tell you how much this has all meant to me. The gathering in the Parish Centre was very wonderful and my special thanks go to those who worked so hard behind the scenes to make it possible and to everyone who attended. May God bless you all."

### **SVP COMMUNITY WARM HUB**

The SVP Warm Hub will meet on **Tuesday, 19 March (10am to 12 noon)** in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the friendly atmosphere and free refreshments. There will be **no meeting** on Tuesday, 26 March (Holy Week).

After Easter we shall meet again on Tuesday, 2 April.

### **PARISH MEETING**

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

The contact is Robert Wilkinson [robert@fastmail.net](mailto: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 and UHT Long life milk, fruit juice or squash, jam, tinned fruit, instant mash potato, dry noodles, washing powder, home cleaning products – and an Easter egg for the children would also be appreciated.

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.**

### **EASTER GREETINGS TO PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE**

There is the opportunity to send an Easter greeting to Prisoners of Conscience.

The list of those included in the Easter 2024 campaign is available on the ACAT website <http://www.acatuk.org.uk> under the news dropdown

If you feel able to send a greeting, there is clear guidance as to format requested within the background information.

### **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?

### **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.

### **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.**