



### **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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

### **THIS SUNDAY IS EASTER DAY**

**We rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.** After our disciplines of Lent and the solemnity of the Passion, we now celebrate the victory of our blessed Lord over sin and death. We hear the message of the empty tomb and we give thanks that life is stronger than death, that love is stronger than hatred, and that Jesus Christ is alive and with us for evermore!

### **HAVE A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER, EVERYONE.**

Thank you to those who have worked **so hard**, front of house or behind the scenes, for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. **It is greatly appreciated.**

I wish to thank Father David, our musicians and singers, our altar servers, key-holders, cleaners, readers and welcomers for all they have done during Lent, Holy Week and the Triduum at both St Augustine's and St Francis' churches.

**Special thanks** for the beautiful floral decorations in both churches, and our gratitude to those who have worked so hard to create them.

**All children are invited to take home with them a small Easter egg after the Easter masses with our love.**

**Please note that there will be only ONE COLLECTION at the Easter Masses.** Those envelopes marked **Easter Offering** and all other monies will be an offering to your parish priest, who in advance, expresses his gratitude.

### **SVP COMMUNITY WARM HUB**

The SVP Warm Hub will meet again on Tuesday, 2 April (10am to 12noon) in the Parish Centre. As always, everyone is welcome to pop in and enjoy the friendly atmosphere and the free refreshments.

### **SVP FOODBANK COLLECTION**

Members of SVP send a sincere thank-you to all parishioners who, so generously, supported the recent collection of food. This included members of St. Augustine's Minivinnies, who collected at the school. The pressure on the Foodbanks is greater than ever and your continued donations help them to assist families in need. Volunteers at the Foodbank also send their thanks to you all.

### **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.

### **PARISH AGM**

This year's AGM will be on **Sunday 7 April at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre.** The Parish Pastoral Council provides an invaluable parishioner perspective for Fr Kevin on matters spiritual, pastoral and social. If you would like to serve on it, please contact the Secretary [robert@fastmail.net](mailto:robert@fastmail.net)

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION**

The celebration, in honour of Our Lady's acceptance of the will of God the Father, will be transferred to **Monday, 8 April.** The date is transferred this year as a result of 25 March being in Holy Week. **Mass will be celebrated on that day at 9.30am** at St Francis' Church.

### **PARISH DISCUSSION GROUPS AFTER EASTER**

Veronica and Maureen will be running a series of four weekly discussions on the theme of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday afternoons after Easter at 2.30pm.

**April 17th and 24th at 3, Willoughby Avenue**

**May 1st and 8th at 28, Lindsay Crescent**

For any further information phone Maureen 858680 or Veronica 855074

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

#### **AND CLERGY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION**

**Sunday 21 April** will this year be Good Shepherd or Vocations Sunday, when we pray for a deeper sense of our personal vocation and for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life in Religious Community. We hold in our prayers the Seminaries at Oscott, Allen Hall, Valladolid, Rome and elsewhere.

**There will be the annual Second Collection for the training of Priests and Deacons**

### **PARISH MEETINGS**

The next Parish Finance Committee meeting - **Wednesday 3 April 2024 at 7pm**

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting - **Tuesday 14 May at 7.30pm**

### **ELECTRONIC BULLETIN**

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