



### **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.

### **PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Thanks are expressed to all those who presented the various reports and to those who came to the AGM last Sunday evening. Peter Shiels volunteered for the Parish Pastoral Council. We now need **two further parish representatives** for the **Deanery Pastoral Council**, which is in the process of being formed. Simon Hill has already been nominated by the Parish Pastoral Council. If you are interested, please contact Father Kevin. **The first meeting of this new body will be at the Immaculate Conception Parish, Bicester on 8 May at 7.00pm after a Mass at 6.30 pm.**

### **WELCOME**

We welcome into the Catholic Church, **JUDE EDWARD METCALF**, who was baptised recently at St. Austin's Church.

We pray for Jude, for his parents, family members and Godparents.

### **SVP COMMUNITY WARM HUB**

The SVP Warm Hub will meet again on **Tuesday, 16 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.

### **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 17 and 24 at 3, Willoughby Avenue**

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

For any further information phone Maureen 858680 or Veronica 855074

### **YOUTH GROUP / YOUTH MASS**

The parish Youth Group was started in September 2023 to give an opportunity for our Young People, from school years 6-13, to eat pizza, have fun with friends and grow in faith. The Group meets once a month at the Parish Centre on a Saturday afternoon.

The next meeting will be on **Saturday 20 April, starting at 4pm** finishing with the chance to take an active part in **Youth Mass at 5.30pm**. Please email

[youth@kenilworthcatholic.org.uk](mailto:youth@kenilworthcatholic.org.uk) to find out more or involved, or simply turn up.

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

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

**Next 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**

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE COFFEE MORNING**

Parishioners are invited to **the CWL St George's Day Coffee Morning, from 10am-12noon on Tuesday, 23 April**, at 7 Southbank Road. Entrance is by ticket or pay £3.00 on the door (includes tea/coffee and cake). All are invited – please come.

### **SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE, MARTYR AND PATRON OF ENGLAND**

The celebration, in honour of England's national Patron Saint, will be kept on

**Tuesday, 23 April.**

**Mass on that day will be celebrated at 9.00am at Crackley Hall School and at St Francis' Church at 12 noon.**

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OLJC**

**On Thursday, 9 May we shall celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Traditionally observed forty days after Easter, in our country this Solemnity of Our Lord has in recent years been **restored to its proper date**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Our celebration reminds us of the conclusion of our Lord's earthly ministry and the hope of heaven which is given to us all.

Mass will be celebrated at **St Francis' Church at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm.**

Masses also at **Crackley Hall at 10.45am** and **St Augustine's School at 2.00pm**

### **URGENT – PLEASE NOTE: MASSES FOR SUNDAY 12 MAY 2024**

Our parish Catenian Circle will be hosting the Association's National Conference at Chesford Grange Hotel on 10/12 May. Around 300 Catenians and their families are hoping to attend Mass on **Sunday 12 May at St Francis' Church**, rather than having a Mass in the hotel. With the agreement of the Parish Pastoral Council, **and for that Sunday only**, we will revert to our previous pattern of Mass times – for parishioners, **Saturday at 5.30 pm and on Sunday at 8.00 am at St Austin's Church and 9.30 am at St Francis' Church**. The additional 11.15 am Mass will be reserved for the Catenians, due to their numbers.

Bishop John Arnold will be the Chief Concelebrant. The Catenian Circle is very grateful to the parish for accommodating the needs of our visitors.

### **PARISH MEETING**

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

### **ECO FAYRE**

The next Kenilworth Eco Fayre will be on **Saturday 18 May from 10am-1pm** at Kenilworth Methodist Church Hall, Priory Road CV8 1LQ, and there will be free entry. All are welcome.

### **CAFOD**

As a parish we are working towards the Live Simply award. It is awarded to communities who can show how they have been living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with others. Between now and Pentecost we want to capture your contributions and details of all the ways we as a community work for the good of others and ideas for how we can develop this work. Contact [livesimply@kenilworthcatholic.org.uk](mailto:livesimply@kenilworthcatholic.org.uk) with ideas, offers to help or questions.

### **ELECTRONIC BULLETIN**

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**STOP PRESS** – **Mavis Snape** died at her home at Pontacq in France last Thursday.

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