

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.

URGENT – PLEASE NOTE: MASSES FOR SUNDAY 12 MAY 2024

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.

SALVE

The next meeting is on **Tuesday, 7 May at 10.30 am** in the Parish Centre.

The various forthcoming activities will be discussed, as well as the forthcoming plant sale and this will be followed by Mass at 12.00 noon for the health and wellbeing of SALVE members. Parishioners interested in SALVE activities are always welcome.

PLANT SALE

SALVE members will be holding their annual plant sale after **5.30pm Mass Saturday 11 May and again on Sunday 12 May** in aid of our charities. Your usual support would be very much appreciated. Due to the inclement weather any donations from parishioners would be very welcome please. Doors open 4.30pm on Saturday for contributions.

SVP COMMUNITY WARM HUB

The SVP Warm Hub will meet again on **Tuesday, 7 May (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.

May 8 and 15 at 28, Lindsay Crescent - Phone Maureen 858680 or Veronica 855074

CORONATION ANNIVERSARY DAY: BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 6 MAY

Morning Mass will be at 10.00 am. The Mass on this, the first anniversary of his Coronation, will be offered for the health and well-being of His Majesty, King Charles III. I do hope that many parishioners will wish to be at Mass on that day.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OIJC

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**

FOLLOWED BY WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

At the time of the Ascension, our Lord sent his disciples out to communicate the gospel to the nations As a result of that commission, **Sunday 12 May** will be kept as **World Communications Day.** We reflect on the many means through which Catholic Faith and life are transmitted throughout the world.

There will be a second collection to aid the communication of our Catholic Faith. ROSARY AND BENECTION

To celebrate our Lady's month of May, there will be Rosary and Benediction, organised by the CWL at St Francis' Church on **Monday, 13 May at 7.00 pm.** All parishioners are invited to take part in this May devotion. The CWL meeting for that month will be held on **Tuesday 14 May at 2:30 pm in the Parish Centre.**

PPC MEETING The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting **14 May at 7.30pm**

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12 - 18 MAY 2024

We appeal to the community of **Kenilworth and District** to give generously to support the work of Christian Aid, as you have done in previous years.

The theme of this year's Christian Aid Week is fighting back against poverty. Through small business training funded by Christian Aid, Aline in Burundi has been able to overcome food scarcity, disease and lack of running water and has set up as a grocery wholesaler to provide an income for herself and her children.

Your donations during this week can help others in Burundi to obtain skills and training to achieve their ambitions, as well as supporting other vital work around the world.

To make a donation, please go to

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/Kenilworth> or scan the QR

Code. Thank you for your continued invaluable support.

Churches Together Kenilworth & District and Christian Aid

SVP FOODBANK COLLECTION

Members of the SVP will be holding their next collection of non-perishable food and household items between **11.00am and 1.00pm, on Saturday, 18 May** in the car park of St. Francis' Church. The local Foodbanks are working hard to alleviate the increasing needs of local families - in particular they require long-life milk, cooking oil, cup soups, tinned custard or rice pudding, jam, long-life fruit juice, toilet rolls, shampoo, deodorant, washing-up liquid and laundry powder.

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 a time convenient to you.

(At present, they do not require baked beans, tinned soup, tea or cereal).

SUMMER PARISH OUTING

C.W.L. members have once again organised a day together visiting the interesting City of Cardiff on **Tuesday, 13 August**, with its castle, museums, park and a wonderful selection of shops, restaurants, and of course Cardiff Bay. Details are on the CWL board in the Narthex. We will leave Kenilworth at 8.00 a.m. and arrive at 11.00 a.m., after a stop en route. Return at around 8.30 pm. This is a bargain at £26, including driver's gratuity. Payment will be four weeks in advance. See Julia Roberts or telephone 01926-855903. Any C.W.L. member will pass your request."

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

