

## Weekday Mass Times and Intentions

### St Francis

Monday **Solemnity of St George, Martyr and Patron of England**

**9.30 am** Catholic Faith and Life in England

Intentions of Father Benedict Skipper (Rosemary)

Tuesday **Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church,**

**Patron of Europe**

**12 noon** Matthew Cousins (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv) (Fathers David and Kevin)

Wednesday Easter Feria

**10.00am** His Late Holiness Pope Francis  
(Parish)

Thursday St Joseph the Worker

**7.30 pm** Welfare of Catenian Brothers and their families (Kenilworth Circle)

Friday St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**7.30 pm** Health of Helen Butler (Trish and Alan Morris)

Janice Coker (Michael and family)

Saturday **Feast of Ss. Philip and James, Apostles**

**10.00 am** People of the Parish

Joanna Bazen (Father David)

## WE HAVE ONLY A FEW MASS INTENTIONS / STIPENDS LEFT TO SAY

St Augustine's Church is usually open only on Wednesday and Sunday

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 10.30 am – 11.00 am and 4.45 pm – 5.15 pm

### Collections recently:

**Easter 20 April: See inside** Standing Orders: now about £1200 each week.

**Holy Places Collection £:506-52** Thank you for your kindness and generosity

This Parish is part of the RC Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No.234216

**Please pray for those who are sick:** King Charles III, The Princess of Wales, Gabrielle and Brian Chapman, Karen Tooth, Kathleen O'Connor, Norma Brownbill, Charlie and Gabrielle Henville, Father Ian Hoskins, Robin Davis, Geoff Roberts, Caroline Burke, Michael Jones, Tom and Susan Wilding, Alexandra Salter, Glen Dalton, Anne Storey, Agnes Pauling, Richard Hayward, Cathy Smith, Sheila Sumner, Ninu Bonnici, Barbara and Danny MacIlwaine, Marie Foley, Joan O' Leary, Nigel Clark, Margaret Kirk, Noel Kelly, Vera Lewis, Margaret Sullivan, Paul, Patricia Bailey, Nick Mottram, Jenny Kirkpatrick, Sophie Jackson, Father Michael White, Daniel Clifford, Simon Virgo, Father Tony Rohan, Margaret Tenney, Kevin Vincent, Dympna McKay, Helen Butler, Teresa (Marie's Mother), Pat Southall, Martha Sullivan, Kari Gordon, Charlotte Kay, Haydn Manger, Ethel Ryan, Astrid Ciaramita

### **Those who have died recently:**

His Late Holiness, Pope Francis, Eileen Hunt, Jo Keaveney, Basil Hooper, Andrew Dalton

## **The Catholic Parish of Kenilworth**

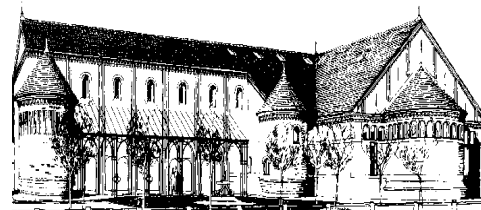
Served by the Churches of St Francis and St Augustine

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Parish Centre Bookings: **Mrs Lorraine Taylor-Hoff** Telephone **07533806530**

## **Notices for week commencing**

**Sunday 27 April 2025**

**Easter Octave (Second Sunday of Easter) Year C**

**'Divine Mercy Sunday' Psalter: Week 2**

## Sunday Mass Times and Intentions

### St Francis

### St Augustine

**Sat**  
**Sun**

**5.30pm** His late Holiness, Pope Francis, on the day of his burial

**8.30am** John Swinburne (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
(Mike, Sarah and family)

**10.30am** People of the Parish  
Freda and John Barnes (Janet, Peter and Anne)

### Next Sunday

### St Francis

### St Augustine

**Sat**  
**Sun**

**5.30pm** Eileen Hunt (Caroline and Ralph Gaskin and family)

**8.30am** In thanksgiving for the love and  
of Cathy McKay (Laura and Natalie)

**10.30am** People of the Parish  
Steven Smith (Breda and Tony Stokes)

### **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.

### **ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM VISION**

Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour.

### **HIS LATE HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS RIP: FROM THE ARCHBISHOP**

"As the remarkable pontificate of Pope Francis comes to a close all the faithful, Religious and clergy of our Archdiocese join in praying for the repose of his soul.

We recall with gratitude the Canonisation of St John Henry Newman, Birmingham's saint, in 2019 by Pope Francis and the late Holy Father's appreciation for Cardinal Newman's teachings on the development of doctrine.

The Holy Spirit inspired Pope Francis to lead the Church along the Synodal Pathway in fidelity to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and this will undoubtedly remain an important part of his abiding legacy.

We also remember Pope Francis's many ecumenical and inter-religious initiatives as he prayed and worked for the unity of the Church and of mankind and for the respect due to God's creation.

We pray that the Good Shepherd will now welcome the Successor of Peter into the company of saints. May he rest in peace."

### **N.B. PRAYER CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN BOTH CHURCHES** **OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER: THANKS TO YOU ALL**

As we celebrate the Octave Day of Easter, I wish to thank everyone who contributed to the beauty and wonder of our Holy Week and Easter ceremonies – welcomers, servers, musicians, readers, floral artists, church cleaners, and all those "behind the scenes". You all did such a wonderful job on behalf of us all – thank you.

It was wonderful to have Fr David's help and support with the preparations and at the ceremonies. I am grateful to him, as always, for all he is able to do in the life of our parish. I would also wish to add a **personal note of thanks** for your generosity to Fr David and to me, through the Easter offering, and through your personal gifts and cards.

**God bless you for all your great kindness, Father Kevin**

**Attendance at the Masses of Easter 2025 was 626 people, for comparison, pre-pandemic, in 2019, it was 753 and Last year, 2024, it was 567 people.**

### **PARISH AGM:**

This year's AGM will be this **Sunday 27 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)

### **COLLECT FOR HIS LATE HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS**

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy forever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

### **SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE, MARTYR**

The celebration, in honour of St George, Martyr and Patron of England, will be kept this year on **Monday, 28 April**. The date is transferred this year as a result of 23 April being in the Easter Octave.

**Mass will be celebrated on that day at 9.30am at St Francis' Church.**

### **SVP COMMUNITY WARM HUB**

The Warm Hub will meet on **every Tuesday morning, from 10 am to 12 noon.**

Everyone is welcome to come along to enjoy the friendly atmosphere and free refreshments.

### **URGENT – PLEASE NOTE: MASSES FOR SUNDAY 17 / 18 MAY 2025**

Our parish Catenian Circle will again this year be hosting the Association's National Conference at Chesford Grange Hotel on 17/18 May. Around 300 Catenians and their families are hoping to attend Mass on **Sunday 18 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 only, due to their numbers.

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

### **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: WATER COLLECTION AND STORAGE**

As you will be aware (see above), some of the groups in the parish have been raising funds for this project. So far the various parish groups have raised **£2533**. I am grateful for that participation. To give everyone a chance to support this appeal, there will be a **retiring collection** after each Mass over **Sunday 3 / 4 May**.

If you are able to, please support this appeal.

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

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

**Sunday 10 / 11 May** 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**  
**THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE 2025**

An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to the annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on **Saturday 3 May at 12 Noon**, followed by light refreshments. Please visit [www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass) to confirm your attendance..

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