

THIS SUNDAY

After the recent meeting with parents at the beginning of the course of preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist, we welcome our young people from Year three at St. Augustine's School. **They will be enrolling on Sunday at the 9.30am Mass to receive these sacraments.** We pray for them and ask our Lord to bless them and their families at this wonderful time. Thanks to Mrs Ritchie, the Head teacher and to all the school staff, in particular the class teachers, Mrs Quayle and Mrs Best.

N.B. MISSION AT ST JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH 1 – 8 OCTOBER GRAND RAFFLE

Tickets are now available - 1st Prize £100 2nd £50 3rd £25. plus other prizes; the draw will take place at the Autumn Fair and proceeds will go towards our three Church Charities.

We invite each family to take at least one book of tickets to buy or sell.

PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer meeting will be on **Monday 2 October, at 7.30pm** at Bullimore Grove. We will be asking Our Lady of Fatima's intercession, for the troubles of our World and its Peoples. Please pray with us for this intention - L Whiteman. (854148)

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST FRANCIS

At St Francis' Church, Wednesday, 4 October will be the Solemnity of St Francis of Assisi. It also marks the anniversary of the Consecration of the Church in 2008.

We rejoice and give thanks for the life and witness of St Francis' Church and the part it plays in the life of our whole parish. **Mass on Wednesday will be at 9.30am at St Francis' Church and there will be no mass at St Austin's.** It would be good to see parishioners at mass on that day to celebrate our life together in the parish and to celebrate St Francis. **Tuesday's noon mass will be at St Austin's this week.**

CAFOD

Family Fast Day for Harvest this year will be observed on **6 October**. The usual envelopes are available for personal or family use. **Please return them as part of the second collection for CAFOD at all Masses the next Sunday, over 7 / 8 October.**

CAKE AID

This Sunday some of the children from Kenilworth School will be holding a cake sale to raise money for those affected by the recent hurricanes in the Caribbean.

It will take place after the 9.30 mass. So if you would like to help the victims of hurricane Irma and Maria, and you like cake or know someone who does, please come and support us.

WELCOME

We welcome into the family of the Church, **THEO WILLIAM GREEVY** and **TOMMY BRIAN GREEVY** following their baptism at St. Francis' Church last Sunday. We pray for them, for their parents, family, Godparents and grandparents.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our best wishes to **DOMINIC PATRICK NAVIN - JONES** and **KATHRYN DIANE PIKE** following their marriage at St Austin's Church recently.

May our Lord richly bless them both and their married life together.

CRACKLEY HALL SCHOOL OPEN DAY

This will be on **Thursday, 5 October from 10 am – 3pm**. All interested are welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY: POPCORN AID

On **Sunday 8 October**, Emily Soane and her friends would like to sell bags of popcorn after 9.30am Mass to support the victims of hurricane Irma. Her new school,

Kenilworth has challenged the pupils to make £1 grow and we are hoping your support will allow Emily to contribute. Popcorn is 100g - 50p each (sweet and salty available).

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and on **Tuesday, 10 October, at 7.00 pm**, there will be Rosary and Benediction in St Francis' Church followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All are encouraged to attend.

13TH BIRMINGHAM DIOCESE JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY

This is on Saturday 14 October 2017 10.30am to 4.15pm at St Peter's Catholic School, Whitefields Road Solihull B91 3NZ. Booking Form and further details Janet Vaughan, Administrator Birmingham J&P Commission I bham.jandp@gmail.com

AUTUMN FAIR

This will take place on **Sat. 14 Oct 10.30am - 1.30pm** and **Sun. 15 Oct 10.30am - 12.45pm**. This is our annual major fund- raising event for our three Church Charities, currently Dementia UK, Mary's Meals & Myton Hospices; also a great opportunity to enjoy a morning with family and friends. We would welcome new ideas, particularly for children, and help setting up, running a stall on either day or clearing away.

Contacts are Angela Cowley 864568 or Val Childs 859797.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

Volunteer driver(s) wanted - Can you spare a few hours to join our team of volunteer drivers using our minibus to bring members to and from Waverley Day Centre? Further details can be found at www.waverleycentre.org.uk or contact Centre Manager Anne Cross on 01926 852365.

APF BOXES

If you are not able to bring your box to St Francis, please call Jonathan Shipton on 01926 714825 to arrange collection. Many thanks for your donations.

PASTIMES

Meetings are on Mondays 2 – 4pm in the Parish Centre, with (knitting Craft Corner, needlework etc), Bridge, Whist, Scrabble etc. and refreshments Subscription is 40p.

ST FRANCIS' PARENTS' AND TODDLERS' GROUPS

The **Monday** group meets at the Parish Centre from 10 – 11.15am.

There is also a **Wednesday** group at Crackley Hall from 10 – 11.30am.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PARENTS' AND TODDLERS' GROUP

This meets on **Tuesdays** at the Kids Club adjacent to the school from 10 - 11.30 am.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS A NEW ROTA IS AVAILABLE

FOOD BANK ROTA Please check whether you are transporting food this week.

Organisers have indicated that a few more volunteers from the parish for this charitable activity would be warmly welcomed. Contact is Ann Kelly 854392.

OFFERTORY COUNTERS

This Sun: D and J McDonnell, G Crawford, H Whiteman

Next Sun: T Stokes, J Barr, P Haley

CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis': E Head, A Moore, B Stokes

St Augustine's: M Hunter, L Morris

EVERY BLESSING AND GOOD WISHES TO YOU ALL, Father Kevin.