

THIS SUNDAY

Welcome to any visitors in Kenilworth over the summer.

We all hope you have a wonderful time and are glad to see you as part of our parish Congregation.

N.B Money has been stolen from the locked candle box at St Austin's; please leave no money there in any container at the moment, put it in the Sunday collection.

NEXT SUNDAY: MISSION COLLECTION

A Spiritan Missionary Priest will be visiting the parish on **Sunday 19 / 20 August**, to encourage our prayers and practical support for the missionary work of the church.

There will be a second collection for the Holy Ghost Fathers (now called the Spiritans). Spiritans opt to be "the advocates, the supporters and defenders of the weak and the little ones against all who oppress them."

WELCOME

We welcome into the family of the Church, **AAMOR DOLJAN RICHARDS** following her baptism at St. Austin's Church last Sunday.

We pray for her, for her parents, family, Godparents and grandparents.

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY - TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST

This Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation, reminds us that our Lady was taken as a complete person, body and soul to the glory of heaven and thus she holds out to us, by the grace of Almighty God, the hope of heaven at the conclusion of our earthly journey of faith.

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

Please will Eucharistic Ministers and Readers volunteer and sign in the narthex.

FROM VAL AND CAROLINE

Just to remind you all that piety items are on sale before and after the Sunday Masses at St. Francis' Church.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

One of our loyal and longstanding offertory counters is off to University; we are so grateful to him and we wish him well! **Could you replace him?**

It would be a commitment of one Sunday evening session every six weeks and you would work with two colleagues. Any further offers of help from those who would be willing to join the rota would be gratefully received.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC FUND Our contribution to the running of the Bishops' Conference for this year is about £1100.00. To offset this Levy placed on the Parish, there will be a **second collection** at all masses on **Sunday 26 / 27 August**.

This is such a significant amount that we should all try to contribute towards it.

ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY AT MOUNT ST BERNARD ABBEY LE67 5UL

This year's 31st Anniversary Rally will be led the Abbot of Mount St Bernard.

It will take place on Sunday, 27 August beginning with mass at 2.00pm.

After a break for refreshments, events continue at 4.00pm with Marian and Eucharistic Devotions and the Blessing of the sick - See poster in St Francis' narthex.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON HALL

This will be held on **Sunday 3 September**. The Principal Celebrant and Preacher will be Rt. Rev Robert Byrne, Auxiliary Bishop. Mass will be at 3.00pm. See poster on notice board.

Please note that a coach has been arranged for those who wish to attend the Pilgrimage to this place of faithful Catholic witness through the sad years of the Reformation. **It will leave St Francis' Church at 10.30am and return from Harvington at 5.30pm.** Tours of the Hall have been booked at no extra cost at 12.20 and 12.45 pm. Please take a chair and packed lunch. There is a list to sign in St Francis' Narthex or ring P. Shiels 01926 853494. Cost is £15 and under 16's are free.

SALVE

Members would like to thank everyone who has contributed to their successful fund-raising this year. As a result of your support we have been able to send over £2000 to different charities including **Zoe's Place, the Sisters of Mercy, Coventry haven and Funsu in Ghana**. We are also involved in supporting **Helping Hands** in Leamington which provides for local people who are homeless or in difficulties. In order to help them further, we are appealing now for any **household items, bedding, clothes and bric a brac**. Items can be left in the chest in the narthex or given to members. In particular we are looking for **old china cups and saucers** -odd ones left over from a tea set -**so when you are clearing out your cupboards do think of us!**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MASS AND FESTIVAL GATHERING 2017

The SVP Birmingham Central Council Annual Mass and Festival Gathering will take place on **Saturday 23 September 2017**. The Mass will be at 12 noon in St. Chad's Cathedral Birmingham, and the principal celebrant will be Bishop Robert Byrne. There will then be a light buffet lunch in the adjacent Grimshaw Room followed by the main Festival Gathering back in the Cathedral where our guest speaker will be the Rt. Hon. Ann Widdecombe. The SVP is delighted to extend an invitation to this event to all of our friends and supporters. If you would like to come it would help with catering if you could let Jane Leek, Telephone 01926 259680 know that you would like to attend.

JOB VACANCY

St Mary's College, Oscott wishes to appoint an Academic Office Administrator, with experience of administration, preferably in an educational context and with very good IT skills. The role combines office based administrative responsibilities with support and assistance to the teaching staff and seminarians. Further details at www.oscott.net

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

PASTIMES N.B. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON 4 SEPTEMBER

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

OFFERTORY COUNTERS

This Sun: M Swinburne, K and P Alexander

Next Sun: AS ON THE ROTA

CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis': L Byrne, J Gallen, K Tooth

St Augustine's: P Highton, K Smith

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