

THIS SUNDAY CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE

The annual Christian Aid service will be on this **Sunday, 14th May at 6.30pm** in St Francis' Church. This is organised by "Churches Together" and all are welcome.

We hope that many of our own parishioners will attend to welcome others.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 14 - 20 MAY

This week please support the Christian Aid house-to-house collection, for people around the world in need of food, fresh water and shelter. Sincere thanks on behalf of the whole parish to those who have volunteered to be distributors and collectors.

There is a notice in the narthex about the **Coventry event celebrating the 60th Christian Aid Week**. You will also find other details about Christian Aid's work in 40 countries. The belief is that the world can and must be changed so that poverty is ended.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL FIESTA

Don't forget to support this important school social event! This will be held on this Sunday from 1-4pm. You are able to pay at the door.

VOCATIONS TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The Archbishop wishes to give greater publicity to the Permanent Diaconate in the life of the Church and has produced a leaflet summarising the main features of the Permanent Diaconate and giving information about the procedure for prospective candidates, who feel they may have a calling. Copies are available at the back of Church and your prayers are requested for more vocations to this Ministry.

WELCOME

We welcome into the family of the Church, **LEON VASCO MAX TRANTER and REMI DEAN MAURICE TRANTER**, following their baptism at St Austin's Church recently. We also welcome **ALFRED CHIBUKE FALOLU, PEACE ENIOLA FATOKI and DESIREE PRECIOUS FATOKI** following their baptism at St Francis' Church last Sunday.

We pray for them, for their parents, Grandparents, friends, family and Godparents.

ANNETTE ROBERTS RIP

Annette Roberts from Rouncil Lane has died rather unexpectedly last week. Originally from Germany, she has lived for many years in our parish and was a member of the Catholic Women's League. **Her Requiem Mass will be at 10.00am at St Francis' Church on Thursday, 25 May**. All parishioners are invited to attend.

We offer our condolences to Annette's daughter, Nicolette and to all the family at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

ALL ABOUT ZOE'S PLACE

Zoë's Place Baby Hospice in Coventry offers respite and end of life care to babies aged 0-5 with life limiting conditions. We are currently open 24 hours a day 7 days a week though not to capacity. We have the potential to look after more children if funds allowed us to. We are looking for volunteers to help us achieve this. Whether you have an hour or two as a one off, or are able to give more time regularly we would be delighted to hear from you. Specifically we are looking for people to help us staff stalls at our Summer Fayre on Saturday 17 June.

If you would like to help please do get in touch elly.petrucchi@zoes-place.org.uk

ANGELA SCULLS BIKE RIDE

Her Just Giving link is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/angelascull

SALVE PLANT SALE

Calling all gardeners! Salve will be holding its annual plant sale on **May 20/21** to raise funds for Fr. Duma in Funsu in Ghana. Please keep us in mind as you prepare your bedding plants etc. We will welcome all contributions. Contact F. Chapman 858105.

PRE-GENERAL ELECTION MEETING

Various speakers, reflecting our local political parties, have agreed to take part in a pre-Referendum meeting on **Monday 22 May starting at 7.30pm and lasting until 9pm**.

The venue is **St John's Anglican Church**, Warwick Road. Please book the date.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

The ladies will be hosting a Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre on **Saturday 27 May 10.30-12.00** in aid of their charities, Homeless in Leamington, Stroke Association and the Refugee Centre in Coventry. Tickets are on sale this weekend.

'ST. AUSTIN'S 175' CELEBRATION – 3 JUNE 2017

In the next week or so, subject to available space, it is hoped to accommodate those on the waiting list. Please pray for this special event in the life of our parish.

AFTERNOON TEA SUNDAY 4 JUNE

Continuing with the celebration of the 175th Anniversary of St. Austin's Church, the Friends of the Holy Land are hosting Afternoon Tea in the garden using the marquee. A Grand Draw will also take place. All proceeds will go directly to the Christians in the Holy Land who are most in need. Tickets price £5 will be on sale after Mass from this Sunday. Contact Pam Highton 859532.

ASCENSION DAY

On Sunday 28 May we shall celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Traditionally kept forty days after Easter, in our country this Holy Day of Obligation is at present transferred to the nearest Sunday. Our celebration reminds of the conclusion of our Lord's earthly ministry and the hope of heaven which is given to us all.

At the time of the Ascension, the Lord sent his disciples out to communicate the gospel to the nations. As a result of that commission, it is kept as **World Communications Day** and **there will be a second collection**.

WARWICK DEANERY WEBSITE This can now be found at www.warwickcatholicdeanery.org.uk

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

PASTIMES

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.

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.

OFFERTORY COUNTERS

This Sun: P and T Whiting, M Harrington

Next Sun: T Stokes, P and K Alexander

CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis': P Hadfield, R Richardson, T Wilding

St Augustine's: M Hunter, L Morris

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