



## **THIS SUNDAY**

**We rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.** After our disciplines of Lent and the solemnity of the Passion, we now celebrate the victory of our blessed Lord over sin and death. We witness the empty tomb and we give thanks that life is stronger than death, that love is stronger than hatred and that Jesus Christ is alive and with us for evermore!

### **HAVE A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER, EVERYONE.**

Thank you to those who have worked **so hard**, front of house or behind the scenes, for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. **It is greatly appreciated.**

I wish to thank Father David, the altar servers, organist, musicians and singers, cleaners, readers and wardens for all they have done during Lent, Holy Week and the Triduum.

**I am particularly grateful to Father David** for all his help and support.

It was good that he was able to preside at the Triduum this year, after his illness last year, thank you, Father.

**Special thanks** for the beautiful floral decorations and our gratitude to those who have worked so hard to create them.

**Please note that there will be only one collection at the Easter Masses.**

**The Gift Aid and Planned-Giving *ordinary* envelopes will go to the parish.**

Those envelopes marked **Easter Offering** and all other monies will be an offering to your parish priest.

**All Children are invited to take a small Easter egg home with them after the Easter masses with our love.**

### **JAMES RIXON RIP**

I was shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden and unexpected death of Jim Rixon on Maundy Thursday morning. Jim and Anne have, together with their family, been part of the life of our parish for well over fifty years. The love and devotion of them both in fostering and adoption is well known and recognised throughout our parish. We offer Anne and all the family the assurance of our prayers and our deepest sympathy. His funeral details will follow. May Jim rest in peace.

### **GIFT AID SCHEME AND ENVELOPES**

**New envelopes should now be used.** It is always good to welcome new contributors. The only requirement is that you give to the Parish and pay sufficient income tax. If you would like to sign up for the Gift Aid Scheme by envelope or Standing Order, please contact Mr Tony Stokes (857866). Thanks go to Tony for all his hard work. Sincere gratitude is offered to all supporters for your kind generosity over last year.

### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

The house-to-house collection for Christian Aid will take place from 14 to 20 May 2017. If you are able to help with the envelope collection, please contact Sheila MacMahon on Tel: 858436.

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

Thank you to everyone who completed the yellow forms. St. Austin's will be very full on 3<sup>rd</sup> June but, with additional seating, everyone who completed a form can be accommodated in the church. Tickets will be available for Mass and Lunch from next weekend to those who have indicated their intention to attend. We hope to welcome everyone but others will be placed on a waiting list for Mass and/or lunch. Lunch is £12 as previously advertised.

## **PIETY STALL/REPOSITORY**

Val and Caroline wish to inform parishioners that the Repository now has its usual items available as well as olive wood goods from the Holy Land.

## **HEALING MASS**

SVP members are very grateful to Fr David and all those who attended the Healing Mass recently. They would especially like to thank Dolores and all the Minnie Vinnies (junior SVP) from Crackley Hall School some of whom served the Mass, entertained us with music and poetry and socialised with everyone there. It was a wonderful afternoon.

## **PARISH AGM: SUNDAY 30 APRIL**

This is to give you all good and advance notice of the parish AGM, which will be on **Sunday 30 April at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre.** Please put the date in your diary as it is an important meeting for anyone interested in the running of the parish. We will be seeking nominations for members of the Parish Council. This is of great importance for the parish. Can you be of help? Please contact Ted Lewis on 777368.

## **ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL FIESTA**

**This will be held on Sunday 14 May from 1-4pm.** You are invited to join us to celebrate the many nationalities in our school community, with over 30 countries represented, amazing national dishes to try, demonstrations and children's activities.

Come hungry as there will be lots of food! Tickets will be sold after Masses on 29/30 April and 6/7 May and are £4 adults in advance, £5 on the door. Children go free.

## **UGANDA PROJECT- TEACHER TRAINING 2009-2017 FROM MARY HILLS**

Many, many, thanks for your support for this appeal. It was a marvellous result. This will allow all three courses planned for this year to be completed and leave at least enough for the first session to be run at the Apostles of Jesus Seminary in 2018. I and they will be delighted. Hopefully it will help many Catholic boys and girls to go for further studies especially the Seminarians. Thank you so much.

## **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.

**No meetings 10 and 17 April. Meetings resume on Monday 24 April.**

## **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.

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

## **OFFERTORY COUNTERS**

This Sun: **No counters needed on Easter Sunday, thank you**

Next Sun: T Stokes, J Barr, P Haley

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

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

St Augustine's: M and E Butler

EASTER BLESSINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO YOU ALL, Father Kevin.