



### THIS SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday falls on **Sunday 22 October 2017**. On this day the whole Church unites in an act of universal solidarity in prayer for its missionary activity and **in a second collection at Mass** to support the Church where it is too young or too poor to be self-sufficient. **40% of Church membership falls into this category**. As the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, this year Missio is focussing on the peace-making efforts of the Church in South Sudan, which is considered to be one of the poorest and most unstable countries in the world. Thank you for your cooperation and support which will make a vital difference to struggling churches.

### AUTUMN FAIR

Val Childs and Angela Cowley wish to thank all who helped in any way to support, prepare for, run and tidy up after what proved to be a most enjoyable two days. **This year we raised a wonderful profit of £2778-19**. The Repository takings are separate from this figure (**about £130**). Thank you all for your great generosity. **Father Kevin wishes to express his thanks** to Angela, Val, Pam, Kevin and the whole team, in particular those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, to prepare and to clear away. Special thanks are sent to the schools and to all parishioners for such kind and generous support.

### PIETY STALL AT ST FRANCIS' CHURCH

Various items for Advent and Christmas are available. Come and view our Advent Calendars, Christmas cards and 2017 diaries. Various Holy Cards for Mass etc. are available. Olive wood goods from the Holy Land are on sale. Opening times at all Sunday masses including after the 8.00am mass at St Austin's. Your support is invited so come and have a look!

### FOOD BANK

At Harvest time, please remember the Food bank boxes. These are in **both** churches!

### WELCOME

We welcome into the family of the Church, **KYLE RICHARD OWEN** following his baptism at St. Austin's Church last Sunday.

We pray for him, for his parents, family, Godparents and grandparents.

### ALTAR SERVING

Father Kevin and Father David invite any of our young people who would like to be altar servers, to send their names to them so that a meeting may be arranged.

### 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](http://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.

### NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

As usual, there will be a box on the altar at St Francis' church for you to include names to be remembered at a weekly Mass during the month of the Holy Souls.

### ALL SAINTS' DAY AND OTHER NOVEMBER DATES

This year the Holyday of Obligation to mark all the Saints is on **Wednesday, 1 November** and Masses will be at **St Francis' Church** at **9.30 am and at 7.30pm**. At **11am** Mass will be celebrated at Crackley Hall School and at **2.15 pm** Mass will be celebrated at St Augustine's School.

**Thursday, 2 November**, is the **Commemoration of All Souls**. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at **9.30am and at 7.30pm at St Francis' Church**.

The **11.15am Sunday mass on 12 November, Remembrance Sunday** will be a Requiem Mass for all who have lost their lives, whether military or civilians during times of war. **Father Kevin will attend the War Memorial Commemoration**.

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS and READERS

Please will you sign up in the narthex for All Saints' Day.

### JOHNSON ASSOCIATION

The annual second collection for the infirm and retired clergy of the Archdiocese, the Johnson Association Collection, **will be taken at all masses on 4 / 5 November**.

I commend this to you, though out of no immediate *personal* financial advantage (!), for your generosity. **Yellow envelopes will be provided for those wishing to use Gift Aid** and explanation leaflets have been made available.

### 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.

**There will be no Pastimes on Monday 23 and 30 October due to half-term, holidays.**

### 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.

**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: P Rand, D Spillane, J Rice, R Palmi

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

### CHURCH CLEANING

**Cleaners, male and female are required on a Thursday for approx 11/4 hours once every six weeks working in a group of three; also on Saturdays to cover holidays and illness. Contact is J Roberts 855903. Please respond!**

St Francis': S Allinson and A Kelly

St Augustine's: P Highton, K Smith

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