

Weekday Mass Times and Intentions
St Francis St Augustine

Mon 9.30am Joe Gaskins (B'day Anniv) (Beryl and family)
Bernard Canneaux (Anniv) (Felicity Chapman)
Tue 1.30pm **Requiem Mass for Clive Hodges RIP**
2.00pm End of Term Mass at Crackley Hall School
Wed 10.00am Richard Bunt
(Mum, Dad and family)
Thu 7.30pm Richard Head (80th Birthday Anniv) (Anne Farrell) (2 Int's)
Fri **9.15 am End of Term Mass in School**
7.30pm Wellbeing of Pat and Elaine Beaumont (Margaret and family)
Pauline Sage (Pat Southall and Peter Bird)
Sat 10.00am Pauline Smith (First Anniv) (Parish)
Recovery of Mary Hayes (Susan and Michael Jones)

St Augustine's Church is usually open for prayer daily from about 9am – 4pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Service of Reconciliation Monday 18th at 7.00pm,
then consult Christmas folders for times.

Feast days:
From 17 December the special days of preparation for Christ's coming (O Antiphons)

Collections recently
10 December: £627-03(Snow!) Standing Orders £500 approx
'Poor Parishes' Collection: £598-26 Thank you for your kind generosity
This Parish is part of the RC Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No.234216

Please pray for those who are sick:
Michael and John Carpenter, Elsa Hewett, Nancy Kirkbride, Joan O'Leary, Susan Griffin, Connie Pope, Pat Harris, Alan Barry, Thomas Lewis, Cathy Jones, Joan Stepien, Derek Adams, Frank Ward, Paul and Gabrielle Crawford, Helen Booth, Teresa Gleeson, Rita Hibbitts, Margaret Rosier, Kitty Ostrowicz, Mary Taylor, Leila Sewell, Joan Freyne, Agnes Pauling, Dennis Menezes, Betty Wartier, Allan Marshall, Mary and Andrew Hartley, Helen Mulcaster, Marie Hill, Eileen Crean, Eileen Seavers, Win Fowler, Julia Calderbank, Christina Kelly, Gerry Kersey, Helen Williams, Ann Rixon, Molly St John, Holly Smith, Zena Grindlay, Florence Stokes, Tony Coutts-Smith, Eileen Hunt, Alejandro Ferrer, Niall and Margaret Bailey, Pat Hickson, Rosemarie Finnegan, Tom O' Hare, Rebekah Turner, Fred Hodge, Colin Cardinal, Aidan Childs, Nina Humble, Janet Hanks, Emma Smith, Marie Gordon, Barbara and Richard Hodge, Brian and Gabrielle Chapman, John and Alison Kidman, John Molloy, Imelda Hix, Sid and Sheila Simmonds, Mary Lilley, Mary Spillane, Father David Keniry, Mildred Woolley, Nora Whelan, Kathleen O'Connor, Alison Rand, Anne Moore, Sarah Shally, Jackie Jarvis, Kari Gordon and Vincent Bradley.
Those who have died recently: Margaret Barrett, Bert Perkins, Clive Hodges, John Shanahan.

The Catholic Parish of Kenilworth

Served by the Churches of St Francis & St Augustine
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<http://www.catholic-kenilworth.org>
Notices for week commencing
Sunday 17 December 2017
The Third Sunday of Advent Year B
Psalter: Week 3 'Gaudete'

Sunday Mass Times and Intentions
St Francis St Augustine

Sat 5.30pm Maria Adibe (2nd Anniv) (Win, Ike and family)
Sun 8am Mona and Len Aitken
(Anniv's) (Jennifer and family)

9.30am Maria Adams (Anniv) (Chris and Teresa and family)
11.15am Mary O'Connor (B'day Anniv) (Margaret, Nora and Carmel)

Next Sunday Advent IV / Christmas Eve
St Francis St Augustine

Sat. 5.30 pm In Thanksgiving (Ted and Vera Lewis)
Sun 8.00am Pauline Sage (Cathy McKay)

9.30am People of the Parish
11.15am Mike Parnell (8th Anniv) (Diana and family)
5.30pm (Vigil) John Bosco Lilley and Health of Mary Lilley (Family)

THIS SUNDAY IS ADVENT III: 'GAUDETE' SUNDAY

The rose-coloured vestments today and flowers in church all encourage us to have lightness of mood and to Rejoice! (Gaudete) as the Lord's coming draws near.

The Advent Crown reminds us to prepare to welcome Christ, the Light of the world.

We shall have a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop on this Sunday.

N.B. Carol singing will take place outside Sainsbury's in Kenilworth from **7.00pm on Wednesday 20 December** sponsored by Love Kenilworth - all welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS and READERS

Please volunteer for Christmas and sign the sheet.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

This will be celebrated on **Monday, 18 December at 7.00pm.**

Three priests will be in attendance. All parishioners are encouraged to come.

SALVE Members would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused by the postponement of the Advent Lunch. We hope have the meal in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A **retiring** collection will be taken after all Masses on this **Sunday** for the decoration of both Churches over the Christmas Festival.

MINCE PIE SALE

SALVE will be holding a sale of mince pies, decorative candles and Christmas items after masses at St Francis this **Sunday**.

All proceeds will be donated to the crib charity **LET THE CHILDREN LIVE!**

CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTIONS

Christmas Eve this year is a Sunday. The Gift Aid, Planned Giving envelopes and loose plate collection will be as usual, **the offering for the parish.**

All other monies in envelopes or loose plate for the *Christmas* masses, i.e. from 5.30pm on Sunday will be the customary Christmas Collection for your Parish Priest, who, in advance indicates his gratitude.

Crib donations this year will be again sent to **LET THE CHILDREN LIVE!**

This is to assist Father Peter Walters in his work with the street children of Colombia.

ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CARD DISTRIBUTION

'Churches Together' have undertaken to distribute Christmas cards in Kenilworth inviting people to Christmas celebrations. We need volunteers from our parish to distribute some of them. Bundles ready for delivery are in St Francis' Narthex.

Thanks go to the Guides who, I understand, sorted them into the bundles.

CONDOLENCES: CLIVE HODGES AND BERT PERKINS RIP

Over many years, Father David has been ministering to **Bert Perkins**, housebound and then in nursing care. Bert died recently in Warwick. We pray that he may rest in peace and for his children and grandchildren.

Clive Hodges has been part of our parish for over twenty years, together with his late wife Joyce and son, Robert. Clive died in Warwick Hospital recently. There was a sense of incompleteness in his life after Joyce died some six months ago.

He had been so regular at mass and so supportive of parish life. May he rest in peace and Robert and all family members and friends be comforted.

Reception into St Francis of Assisi Church is on Monday 18 December at 5.30pm with Requiem Mass on Tuesday 19 December at 1.30pm.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please take home with you with our love, a yellow coloured Christmas folder, which acts as a personal Christmas card from the priests in the parish, with the details of all Services and Masses for Christmastide.

2018 DIRECTORY

The 2018 Diocesan Directory is available at only £3.50 a copy – an excellent source of information about the Archdiocese.

Catholic diaries for 2018 are available from the piety stall. Have you bought yours?

GIVING TREE

The giving tree is now up in the narthex. This is a way we can support the sick, disadvantaged and those supported by the SVP in our parish and the wider local community.

All donations to be received by this Sunday at the latest, thank you.

YOUR PRIESTS AND CHRISTMAS

Soon we will celebrate the birthday of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. May we both crave your kindness and indulgence in asking you **not to mark that celebration with personal gifts to us?** The Christmas Offering, given to Father David and to me is a sign of generosity and financial support. May we humbly and sincerely request that a small donation be given to the Crib Collection rather than a personal gift to us on this occasion? Also, please don't feel **obliged** to send a Christmas card.

COFFEE ETC. AFTER THE 9.30AM MASS

Thanks to all those who have supported Coffee after 9.30am Mass on Sunday.

The rota for the coming year is being compiled if you would like to help please contact Pat & Sarah Haley 01926 864505.

THANKS

Thanks go to all who supported Father Julian Booth's talk on Blessed Dominic Barberi. The amusing and informative talk was appreciated by those who attended. In particular, We thank Peter Rand, Maureen Hazelwood, Peter Shiels and Veronique Glascock for all their practical input.

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 –TERM TIME

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.

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

OFFERTORY COUNTERS

This Sun: T Walmesley, P and K Alexander

Next Sun: Joseph McDonnell and family

CHURCH CLEANING

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

St Augustine's: L Scimeca, R Jordan

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