

THIS SUNDAY

We begin Holy Week, the most sacred week of the year and in particular the Easter Triduum from the Mass of the Lord's Supper to Easter Day.

Palm Sunday Please take a **palm cross** into church for the blessing.

In a very real sense the spiritual health of any parish can be seen in the way this unique time of the year is kept. Please endeavour to be with Our Lord in his Passion so then to share in the joy of his Resurrection.

Stations of the Cross are at St Augustine's Church at **4.30pm today and at 7.30pm on Good Friday.**

Details of Holy Week and Easter Octave worship are given on a separate yellow coloured sheet. Please take one home with you and please refer to it.

PLEASE NOTE DURING THIS WEEK

Monday 7.00 pm Reconciliation service – 4 priests at St Francis' Church.

Wednesday 9am Mass at St Austin's. 11.30 am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS and READERS

Please will Eucharistic Ministers and Readers volunteer their services for the Easter Triduum and sign up on the sheet in the narthex?

PIETY STALL/REPOSITORY

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Lists for watching at the Altar of Repose after Mass are now in both churches. Please indicate with a cross (X) on the list provided, the time you will commit to be with our Lord on **Maundy Thursday at the Altar of Repose.** Will **men** please volunteer to watch and check around the church and car park for any unwanted visitors?

There is also a list for volunteers **to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday.**

Eucharistic Ministers are invited to renew their commitment at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

WELCOME

We welcome into the family of the Church, **FRANCINE ORLA BURTON** following her baptism at St Augustine's Church last Sunday.

We pray for Francine, for her parents, family Grandparents and Godparents.

GIFT AID SCHEME AND ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the new tax year are available. 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. **Please take the diocesan handouts about Gift Aid and Legacies.**

MISSIO BOXES

Many boxes have still to be brought in for counting and return. Please bring them in by **Easter Sunday**, thank you. If there are difficulties, please contact Jonathan Shipton on 01926 714825 to arrange collection. Many thanks for your donations.

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE – 30 MARCH

This service will be held in St Augustine's school grounds. Meet at the school gate at **9.30am (note time)** on Good Friday. If necessary bring umbrellas and wellies, as it will be outside, whatever the weather. Children and young people who would like a speaking part are asked to phone Nikki Mottram (859675) and come along a few minutes early on the day.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS – 30 MARCH

The Act of Worship organised by Churches Together in Kenilworth and District takes place at **Abbey End** (note **change of venue** for this year) at 10.45am and is followed by the procession of Witness to Abbey Hill & the planting of the Cross. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this joint proclamation of our faith with our Christian sisters and brothers locally.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

This annual collection will be taken as usual after the Good Friday Liturgy.

SUPPORT TWO EVENTS TO SUPPORT THE 2019 SCOUTING JAMBOREE?

Irish Night at the Albany Club, Earlsdon 6 April 8pm. Tickets £10

St George's Afternoon Tea at St Francis' Parish Centre 21 April 3pm. Tickets £7-50
Tickets are from D. Faulconbridge 07766 662406 - See posters in the Narthex.

PARISH AGM: SUNDAY 29 APRIL

This is to give you all good and advance notice of the parish AGM, which will be on **Sunday 29 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.

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.

Please note: There will be no meetings on 26 March and 2 and 9 April

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: M Swinburne, J Barr, P Haley

Next Sun: **NO COUNTERS REQUIRED ON EASTER SUNDAY, THANK YOU**

CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis': B Holt, S MacMahon, S Tinsley

St Austin's: S Haley, M Palmi

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALL, FATHER KEVIN