

PARISH AGM: SUNDAY 29 APRIL

Our parish AGM is this 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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The C.W.L. Tea Party for St George's Day was a great success as it raised £500 for League charities. The ladies send their grateful thanks to everyone concerned for their hard work and contributions.

JAM

This delicious treat will be **sold this weekend after all Masses**. It is specially made by Sister Felicity from Baddesley Clinton and she hopes you will enjoy some to support her hard work.

PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting will be on Monday 14 May, at 7.30pm, at Bullimore Grove. All parishioners are welcome. Prayer requests always welcome – contact is L.P. Whiteman 854148

SPRING FAIR 5 MAY 2018 – SEE BANNER OUTSIDE CHURCH

This event, in aid of Guide dogs for the Blind, will be held at St Francis' Parish Centre from 10 am until 12noon. Entry is £2 to include tea/coffee. Children admitted free. Meet the dogs; photo opportunities, refreshments and cakes, books and plants, gifts and games.

ASCENSION DAY

On **Thursday 10 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 has recently been **restored to its proper date**. Our celebration reminds of the conclusion of our Lord's earthly ministry and the hope of heaven which is given to us. Masses are at **St Francis' Church at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm**: at St Augustine's School at **11.00 am** and at Crackley Hall School at **2.00 pm**.

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, **Sunday 13 May** will be kept as **World Communications Day** and **there will be a second collection**.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, please volunteer and sign up for Ascension Day.

FROM THE KENILWORTH/UYOGO FRIENDSHIP LINK

We warmly invite all of you, and any friends, to the KUFL Annual General Meeting on **Saturday 12 May 2018** at Kenilworth Methodist Church Hall. David and Margery Blower will be reporting on their recent visit to the Uyogo area through Bees Abroad, where they provided training, and they will also be giving feedback on KUFL projects. Soup and fruit lunch will be at 1.00pm; AGM at 2.00pm. Adults: £4.00 each; Family: £10.00. Pay on the door.

CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE

The annual Christian Aid service will be on **Sunday May 13 at 6.30pm** on at **Abbey Hill URC**. Refreshments will be available after the service. This is organised by "Churches Together" and all are welcome. Prayers will be offered for the work of the Charity and all collectors. I hope that many of our own parishioners will attend.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 13 - 19 May 2018

A very sincere thank-you is sent to all who have offered to collect for Christian Aid. Your help is much appreciated and will enable us to collect as much as possible for those, around the world, who have shortages of shelter, fresh water and food. (Sheila MacMahon 858436)

MISSIO – FROM JONATHAN SHIPTON

On behalf of the Missio team, I want to extend a warm thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Red Box Appeal. I am delighted to inform you that during 2017 our parish raised £1,506.95, contributing to a national grand total of £3,028,634 just a tiny bit less (a third of one percent) than 2016. The work of the Red Box is vital in supporting missionary projects around the world. If any parishioners would like a Red Box for their home as a haven for loose change please contact me, Jonathan Shipton on 07476 405215.

3H 'HOUSING, HELP AND HOSPITALITY'

RUN IN KENILWORTH WITH PARISH SUPPORT

With two original Volunteers now being unable to continue serving the Charity for Trafficked women and their children, they are urgently in need of two replacements, one of whom to serve as Treasurer. No special skills are required. If you wish to find out more please contact Margaret on 01926 855040 (evenings) or Maureen on 01926 858680.

ALTAR CLOTHS

We have been given some altar cloths to use by **Patrick and Eileen Brown**. They belonged to Patrick's uncle, Mgr. Richard Earley. Monsignor was saved by the crucifix on his Rosary Beads during WWI; it deflected a bullet. He was also a cousin of Archbishop Masterson. One cloth is on the table near the Sacristy. Thanks to you both.

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.

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Please will Ministers pick up a new rota?

OFFERTORY COUNTERS

This Sun: D and J McDonnell, G Crawford, H Whiteman (Early counting today)

Next Sun: T Stokes, J Barr, P Haley

CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis': E Head, L Hnatt, B Stokes

St Augustine's: P Highton, C Smith

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