

NEXT SUNDAY

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** for the Catholic Communications Network.

JAM

Sister Felicity is most grateful to the parishioners who purchased her jam. We raised £400. It will help enormously towards her expenses.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

The next Meeting is on **Tuesday 8 May** at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

We will pray the Rosary in honour of Our Lady.

After our interval we will have a fun Beetle Drive. This is a change of programme as Susanna is unable to attend for the Movement to Music session.

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**.

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

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

The next group meeting will be on **Thursday 10 May 8.15 pm in the Parish Centre**. New members are welcome. Contact P Highton 85953.

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.

DAY OF REFLECTION

The date for the above will now be held on **Saturday, 12 May 10.30am-3.30pm**. (Postponed due to snow) Father Bernard McDermott of the Columban Fathers in Knowle will present a suitable talk, celebrate Mass and offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please liaise with C.W.L. Members relating to lifts etc., and it would be lovely if several parishioners attended this Day of Devotion.

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.

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. The Prayer Group contact is L.P. Whiteman – 854148.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 13 - 19 May 2018

Thanks to all who have offered to collect this year. Christian Aid envelopes will be available for collectors in the narthex of St. Francis Church on Saturday, 5 May and Sunday 6 May. Please read all the associated paperwork carefully, to ensure we are working within the law.

If you have any questions please contact Sheila MacMahon on 858436.

PLANT SALE FOR FUNSI

Salve will be holding its annual plant sale after masses over **Sunday 19/20 May**. All proceeds will go to Fr James Duma, in his parish in Ghana, to provide education and work experience for girls to increase their self-reliance and enable them to achieve an independent life style. Contributions of plants and cuttings for sale would be much appreciated and can be brought to church from 4pm on Saturday 19 May. Contact is F Chapman 858108

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.

Meetings will NOT take place on Monday 7 May and Monday 28 May as they are Bank 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.

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: T Stokes, J Barr, P Haley

Next Sun: P Rand, P Ryan and a volunteer. please

CHURCH CLEANING

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

St Augustine's: M Beaumont, A Balfe

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