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SUMMER HOLIDAYS

We welcome all visitors attending Mass at our two churches over the summer period. Whether you are visiting family and friends or just staying locally, we hope that you will have a have a blessed and happy time.

THIS SUNDAY: NATIONAL CATHOLIC FUND

Our contribution to the running of the Bishops' Conference for this year is again about £1300.00. To offset this Levy placed on the Parish, there will be a **second collection** at all masses on **this Sunday, and on 25 / 26 August**.

This is now such a considerable amount that we should all try to contribute towards it.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our best wishes to **MARTIN IAN RICHMOND and LOUISE ALEXANDRA CROSS** following their marriage recently at St Austin's Church. May our Lord richly bless them both and their married life together.

NEXT SUNDAY: MISSION COLLECTION

A Comboni Missionary Priest will be visiting the parish on **Sunday 11 / 12 August**, to encourage our prayers and practical support for the missionary work of the church.

There will be a second collection for the Missionary work of the Church.

THE PARISH OUTING TO WINDSOR

This summer event is on **Tuesday 14 August**. The Coach will leave promptly from St Francis' car park at **8.30 a.m.** Please have a cheque for £18 each, ready for collection as you enter the coach - payable to C.W.L. Kenilworth.

Further details are to be found on the notice in the Narthex.

URGENT AND OFFICIAL: FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Archbishop Bernard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding / child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures.

This review is to be welcomed as a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). As part of the review, SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). If you are able to contribute to this important review, and share your experiences with SCIE, then please contact Hugh Constant Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207.

PETITIONS FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

In just over 2 weeks time Archbishop Bernard will accompany over 100 pilgrims, made up of 20 sponsored families from across the Diocese, to Dublin for the World Meeting of Families. You can send in your petitions. Email them to Lianne Pap (Diocesan Family Ministry Worker) - lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org by August 19th. Petitions can be for you, your family, and friends or for anyone who may be in need.

ST FRANCIS' CHURCH BALCONY

Over the summer, with reduced numbers at mass, **the balcony of St Francis' Church will not be available**. Please sit in the main body of the church and supervise children. Father David and I believe this will benefit the spiritual life of the parish at mass.

CHILDREN'S MISSALS

At St Francis' Church we have **bought children's missals** to be used by parents at mass with children **who are able to read**. This is to help them join in the mass.

They are in baskets in the narthex. **Please return them there after the mass.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ALSO CONFIRMATION FOR THOSE NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

We hope, if possible, to have groups ready to begin in September. To that end we need the names of those **who come to mass regularly here** who wish, with their parents' support, to be prepared for the sacraments.

All names, addresses and phone numbers to Father Kevin as soon as possible, please.

ASSISI PILGRIMAGE MAY 19- 23 2019 TO BE LED BY FR DAVID

I have been able to plan a 5-day pilgrimage to Assisi in 2019, May 19 – 23.

Leaving Birmingham early on 19 May we should arrive mid-afternoon in Assisi.

Accommodation is at Hotel La Roca in Assisi. There will be Mass that evening at St Anthony's Convent. The programme includes visits to all the major sites associated with St Francis and St Clare, including Mass at the tomb of St Francis and a tour of the basilica by one of the friars.

Half board plus two lunches, twin/double room accommodation, (limited single availability + supplement), flights, transfers in Italy, entry charges etc. all included: **£795 person**.

I hope to complete the list at the beginning of September, but in the meantime please register a (serious) interest by email - dpbazen@btinternet.com - phone 01926 857543, or with a note that may be left in church or by post - 37 Towers Close, CV8 1FG.

ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY AT MOUNT ST BERNARD ABBEY LE67 5UL

This year's 32nd Anniversary Rally will be led by Father Denis Geoghegan OCSO.

It will take place on Sunday, 26 August beginning with mass at 2.00pm.

After a break for refreshments, events continue at 4.00pm with Marian and Eucharistic Devotions and the Blessing of the sick - See poster in St Francis' narthex.

PASTIMES

'Pastimes' has now closed for the summer. Old and New members will be welcome on **Monday, 10 September from 2.00pm-4.00pm** for a fun afternoon with Crafts, Scrabble etc tea and biscuits. 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.

These sessions will begin again with the start of the new school term.

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

OFFERTORY COUNTERS: NEW ROTA AVAILABLE

This Sun: P Rand, J Kidman, P Ryan

Next Sun: T Stokes, D Spillane, J Rice, R Palmi

CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis': J Barr, J Roberts, M Sullivan

St Augustine's: J O'Carroll-Bailey, V Childs

GOD BLESS YOU AND GOOD WISHES TO YOU ALL, Father Kevin.