

**THE LETTER FROM THE HOLY FATHER TO ALL CATHOLICS IS
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ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON HALL

This will be held on this **Sunday**. The Principal Celebrant and Preacher will be Rt. Rev Robert Byrne, Auxiliary Bishop. Mass will be at 3.00pm. See poster on notice board.

THIS SUNDAY: NEW SCHOOL YEAR

St Augustine's and Crackley Hall Schools will soon open again for the new academic year. At this important time we ask the Lord's blessing upon the Head teacher at St. Augustine's, Mrs. Lesley Ritchie and her staff, and Head teacher, Mr Duigan and his staff at Crackley Hall. We welcome new staff members and we remember in prayer all young people who will be moving on in their academic lives or moving up to new classes. We pray that this new school year will be a happy one and that all staff, pupils, parents and Governors will know the Lord's guidance and help.

We remember also the work of the Trinity Catholic School in Leamington Spa, and pray for Mr Chris Gabbett, the Principal and the whole school community.

We pray also for Princethorpe College, Mr Ed. Hester, the Head teacher and all the staff and students.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN LIVERPOOL 7 – 9 SEPTEMBER

Over these days, through worship and prayer; through theological study and discussion, the Church will seek to deepen her love of Our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist. At Mass and in times of Adoration and Benediction, the presence of Christ in our midst is both real and powerful. Please pray for Maria McCaffery and Joseph McDonnell, our parish delegates. Why not try to be at mass yourselves, especially over those days?

EDUCATION SUNDAY 8 / 9 SEPTEMBER 2018

Next Sunday, Education Sunday will be celebrated in all parishes in England and Wales. It is for us all, an important moment to pray for the work of our schools and to express our support for the work of Catholic Education in our local parishes and across our Archdiocese.

There will also be a second collection for the work of Catholic Education in our Archdiocese. Please be as generous as you are able.

MISSING HYMN BOOKS

Please check your bookshelves at home to see if you have inadvertently taken any of the hymn books home over the past couple of years. A recent check showed that about fifteen hymn books are missing. As each of these hymn books was sponsored by an individual parishioner and dedicated to one of their loved ones, it is important that they are returned.

Could you please try to return any stray hymn books by Sunday 9th September?

CHOICE OF PARISH CHARITIES

It's time once again to decide which three new charities the parish should adopt for the next two years. The three charities (Mary's Meals, Dementia UK and Myton Hospice) we have supported over the past two years have benefited by £3,500 each. The first stage in this process is for people to nominate a new charity. Please send your nominations to secretary@catholic-kenilworth.org. The nomination e-mail should include the name of the charity and a paragraph of **not more than 120 words** giving a brief description of the charity and why it should be chosen. All parishioners will then be given an opportunity to vote for the charities in a few weeks time.

The closing date for nominations will be Sunday 16th September 2018.

FOREIGN COIN COLLECTION

It's that time of the year again when the SVP would be glad of any spare holiday coins/notes you may be able to donate. **A member of the SVP will be available after each Mass on the 15/16 September and 22/23 September.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MASS and FESTIVAL GATHERING 2018

The SVP Birmingham Central Council Annual Mass and Festival Gathering will be held in St Chad's Cathedral Birmingham on Saturday 22 September 2018. Mass will be at 12 noon followed by a light buffet lunch then The Festival Gathering with the guest speaker being Clare Short.

Everyone is welcome and for those interested in attending and wanting further information please contact D. Treanor on 01926 850 227.

FROM ANGELA COWLEY

Please make a note in your diaries that the **Autumn Fair will be held on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 October**. More details will come at the beginning of September.

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

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

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 to share your experiences with SCIE, then please contact Hugh Constant -

Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207.

'PASTIMES' has now closed for the summer. Old and New members will be welcome on **Monday, 17 September from 2.00pm-4.00pm** for a fun afternoon with Crafts, Scrabble etc tea and biscuits. Subscription is 40p. **Please note date change.**

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: D and J McDonnell, G Crawford, H Whiteman

Next Sun: T Stokes, J Barr, P Haley

CHURCH CLEANING

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

St Augustine's: M and E Butler

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