

FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629).

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF CAVERSHAM AND STONOR PARK

Insufficient numbers mean we will have to postpone the pilgrimage.

AUTUMN FAIR

As I write this we look forward to Saturday and the annual social event of the Autumn Fair. Let's hope that we will have suitable weather to encourage people to attend. I wish to thank Angela Cowley, Val Childs and all other parishioners who have been involved in organizing the event this year. Thanks go to all stall holders and the many other helpers. **Don't forget that a selection of stalls will be in the Parish Centre after the masses on Sunday. Do take the time to have a look!**

THIS SUNDAY

Fr. Ben Lodge, a Passionist priest, will be speaking at our masses about Blessed Dominic Barberi and Fr. Ignatius Spencer. Please note this is not a mission appeal, but a request for prayers for the canonisation of these two holy men. Both of these men frequently worked in the Kenilworth area, and used the town as a base for their missionary work in the local countryside, so they have a particular relevance for us.

NEXT SUNDAY: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday falls on **Sunday 21 October**. On this day the whole Church unites in an act of universal solidarity in prayer for its missionary activity and **in a second collection at Mass** to support the Church where it is too young or too poor to be self-sufficient. **40% of Church membership falls into this category.**

Thank you for your cooperation and support which will make a vital difference to struggling churches.

SPUC

This pro-life organisation has produced postcards, so that you may send a message to your Member of Parliament, urging a vote against a dangerous abortion Bill which is coming up in the House of Commons on 23 October 2018. The Bill seeks to de-criminalise abortion; which would remove any effective legal protection for unborn babies and their mothers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Postcards available.

FROM GILLIE CARRINGTON

'I wish to thank everyone who so generously supported the Art Exhibition. Together we made £918-05 for the refugees in Jordan.'

FROM VAL AND CAROLINE

Just to remind you that piety items are on sale before and after all Sunday masses. Advent, Christmas and 2018 items are now available. Please shop early!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our best wishes to **LEWIS MARTIN SWEENEY and CLAIRE MARY SOGELER** following their marriage recently at St Austin's Church.

We ask our Lord to bless them both richly and their married life together.

ALTAR SERVING

Father Kevin and Father David invite any of our young people who would like to be altar servers, to send their names to them so that a meeting may be arranged.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

As usual, there will be a box on the altar at St Francis' church for you to include names to be remembered at a weekly Mass during the month of the Holy Souls.

ALL SAINTS' DAY AND OTHER NOVEMBER DATES

This year the Holyday of Obligation to mark all the Saints is on **Thursday, 1 November** and Masses will be celebrated at **St Francis' Church** at **9.30 am** and at **7.30pm**.

It is the half-term holiday so there will be no masses at the schools.

Friday, 2 November, is the **Commemoration of All Souls**. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at **9.30am** and at **7.30pm** at **St Francis' Church**.

The **11.15am Sunday mass on 11 November, Remembrance Sunday, the Centenary of the Armistice in 1918**, will be a Requiem Mass for all who have lost their lives, whether military or civilians during times of war.

Father David will attend the War Memorial Commemoration at 10.45am.

JOHNSON ASSOCIATION

The annual second collection for the infirm and retired clergy of the Archdiocese, the Johnson Association Collection, **will be taken at all masses on 3/4 November**.

I commend this to you, though out of no immediate *personal* financial advantage (!), for your generosity. **Yellow envelopes will be provided for those wishing to use Gift Aid** and explanation leaflets have been made available.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

For your diaries: There will be a **Quiz Night with a Fish and Chip Supper on Saturday 10 November** in the Parish Centre. Tickets will be available soon.

APF BOXES

Please bring your APF Red Boxes to St Francis for emptying.

If you are not able to bring your box to St Francis, please call Jonathan Shipton on 01926 714825 to arrange collection. Many thanks for your donations.

ADVENT LUNCH

Please make a note in your diaries. The Advent Lunch will be on **Sunday 9 December**. Further details will be available later.

'PASTIMES'

Old and New members will be welcome on **Mondays from 2.00pm-4.00pm** in the Parish Centre, 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.

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

Organisers have indicated that a few more volunteers from the parish for this charitable activity would be warmly welcomed. Contact is A Kelly 854392.

OFFERTORY COUNTERS

This Sun: S and D McDonnell, G Crawford, H Whiteman

Next Sun: T Stokes, J Barr, P Haley

CHURCH CLEANING

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

St Augustine's: L Scimeca, R Jordan

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