

URGENT: PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN DISABLED SPACES UNLESS YOU HAVE A BLUE BADGE; IT IS UNFAIR TO THOSE WHO NEED THEM SAFEGUARDING

Our new parish Safeguarding Officer is **J. BARR** who may be contacted on 01926 511 300.

THIS SUNDAY

It is Holocaust Memorial Day and we remember those people who suffered and died through the atrocities of the Concentration Camps during the Second World War. May they rest in peace. The 8.00 am Mass on Sunday is for this Intention.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Thank you to the parishioners who attended the Service at Leek Wootton last Sunday. It was good to see a number of parishioners there.

NEXT SUNDAY: ANNUAL PRO-LIFE CHARITY COLLECTION

The collection in 2019 will take place at all masses over next Sunday. I commend to you all this collection for such a vital work locally based and working nationally.

ANNUAL CRIB COLLECTION: 'LET THE CHILDREN LIVE!'

The Crib Collection at Christmas was **£1875-94**. Thanks to you all for your generous crib donations over the season of Christmas out of devotion to our new-born Saviour. I wish to thank most sincerely, the members of SALVE, who, once again, raised **£150** as a result of their pre-Christmas sale of mince pies etc. and also to thank all those who supported them. **This makes a grand total of £2025-94**

This total will make a **significant** difference to the work of 'Let the Children Live!'

NEW PARISHIONERS' LUNCH

Parishioners who joined the parish after 21 November 2014 are invited to lunch in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 10 February at 1pm**. There is **no charge** but in order to cater we need exact numbers; if you wish to attend please give your name to Angela Cowley after Mass over the next two weekends.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATION ON 2 FEBRUARY

On Saturday, 2 February we shall keep the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple or 'Candlemas'. This celebration, forty days after Christmas, reminds us that Christ is the Light of the Nations and the Glory of Israel.

The solemn entrance into church and traditional candle blessing will be observed at the morning mass at 10.00am at St Francis' Church.

As it falls on a Sunday this year, the Blessing of throats for **St Blaise's Day** will **not be given.**

SISTER OSBURGA RSM RIP

I have been told that Sister Osburga has died recently. I understand that she taught English at St Joseph's School / Crackley Hall for several years. Many of her colleagues and students will remember her with affection. May she rest in peace.

REPOSITORY

Various items relating to the **Confirmation Mass on 14 February** are available at the Repository. Coming up also, items for St Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday and Easter.

FUNDRAISING IN THE NARTHEX & GLAZED LINK

It has been decided to co-ordinate, as far as possible, the selling of tickets for functions or raffles, cakes, produce etc. **to avoid more than one initiative over a weekend.** A programme of events for the year will be displayed in the Glazed Link. For availability please contact **A. Cowley 07527 224 488 (Text me if possible)**

CONFIRMATION MASS

We shall welcome Bishop William Kenney to the parish for the celebration of the Mass of Confirmation on **Thursday 14 February at 7.00 pm**. Please keep in prayer the candidates for Confirmation from our school and the Parish Group. There will be a mass for parishioners at **12 noon on that day** as well as the Confirmation mass.

CATENIAN & PARISH RACE NIGHT

The Catenians will be hosting a race night for the Parish and Catenians on **Saturday 16 February in St Francis Parish Centre**. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for children under 16 to include a fish & chip supper. Please bring your own choice of drink. The evening will start at 6.45pm; with the first race at 7pm. Tickets can be bought after Masses on the weekends of 26 /27 January, 1 / 2 February and 8 / 9 February. For further information or to check ticket availability please contact Gerard Daykin at gerard.daykin@ntlworld.com

DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The date given to us by the Archdiocese for 2019 is **Sunday, 17 February**. This will be observed this year at **St Austin's Church**. **Please book the date and later on sign up for a period of personal prayer on the charts in both churches.**

PASTIMES

Meetings are on **Mondays 2 – 4pm in the Parish Centre**, with (knitting Craft Corner, needlework etc), Bridge, Whist, Scrabble etc. and refreshments
Subscription is 40p.

ST FRANCIS' PARENTS' AND TODDLERS' GROUPS – TERM TIME

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.

OFFERTORY COUNTERS

This Sun: P Whiting, M Harrington and a volunteer, please

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

CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis' Church: S Allinson, G Chapman, A Kelly

St Austin's Church: M Beaumont, A Balfe

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALL, FATHER KEVIN.