

URGENT: PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN DISABLED SPACES UNLESS YOU HAVE A BLUE BADGE; IT IS UNFAIR TO THOSE WHO NEED THEM
JUST A REMINDER: LENT 2019

Lent gives us the opportunity not only to think of self-denial but also of renewing and refreshing our spiritual lives by doing something new or taking up again something from which we may have lapsed. Let us pray for the grace to keep a good Lent.

Prayer, fasting and concern for others are spiritual keystones in Lent.

- What about coming to **an extra Mass in the week? Celebrating Reconciliation?**
- Stations of the Cross Friday **7pm** at St Francis' and Sunday **4.30pm** at St Austin's.

THIS SUNDAY – JAM SALE

Sister Felicity will be selling her jars of jam at all Masses **this Sunday** and she is looking forward to your kind support

NEXT SUNDAY

Remember that clocks go forward early next Sunday morning

We keep **Mothering Sunday** when we congratulate **all Mothers and Grandmothers** who are at Mass and thank God for the part played by **all the ladies of our parish**.

We thank God for our own Mothers, living or departed; for our Holy Mother Church and for the spiritual motherhood of Our Lady.

3H HOUSING HELP AND HOSPITALITY

Over **next Sunday** there will be a cake sale after the masses at St Francis' Church.

This is to support the work of the 3 H Charity.

WELCOME

We welcome into the life of the Catholic Church, **PHILIPPA VERONICA DINELEY** and **SAMPSON DANIEL ALEXANDER** who were baptised recently at St Francis' Church. We pray for them, their parents, families and Godparents.

GIFT AID SCHEME AND ENVELOPES

The Envelopes for the new tax year are available in each church. It is always good to welcome new contributors. The only requirement is that you give to the Parish and pay sufficient income tax. If you would like to sign up for the Gift Aid Scheme by envelope or Standing Order, please contact T. Stokes (857 866). Sincere gratitude is offered to all supporters for your kind generosity over last year. **Please see the diocesan handouts about Gift Aid.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please remember in your prayers our young people who have, at this time, celebrated the Sacrament of First Confession and Absolution.

We offer our prayers and ask God's blessings for all involved.

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE – 19 APRIL

This service will be held in St Augustine's school grounds. Meet at the school gate at **9.30am (note time)** on Good Friday. If necessary bring umbrellas and wellies, as it will be outside, whatever the weather. Children and young people who would like a speaking part are asked to phone N. Mottram (859 675) and come along a few minutes early on the day.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS – 19 APRIL

The Act of Worship organised by Churches Together in Kenilworth and District takes place at **Abbey End** (note change of venue) at 10.45am and is followed by the

procession of Witness to Abbey Hill and the planting of the Cross. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this joint proclamation of our faith with our Christian sisters and brothers locally.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

This annual collection will be taken as usual after the Good Friday Liturgy.

DEMENTIA

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is holding a presentation and discussion on living with dementia. The talk will cover aspects of the condition and how to cope with those affected. It will be on **Monday 1 April at 7.30pm** in the Davenport Room of the Parish Centre of St Peter's church Leamington Spa. All parishioners are welcome.

MISSIO RED BOX APPEAL

Missio Red Boxes are now due in. Please could you bring your Missio Box into church to be counted? The work of the Missio Red Box is vital in supporting missionary projects around the world. If any parishioners would like a Missio Red Box for their home for a haven for loose change please contact me, J. Shipton on 07476 405 215.

PARISH AGM: SUNDAY 28 APRIL

This is to give you all good and advance notice of the parish AGM, which will be on **Sunday 28 April at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre**. Please put the date in your diary as it is an important meeting for anyone interested in the running of the parish.

We will be seeking nominations for members of the Parish Council.

This is of great importance for the parish. Are you willing to help?

URGENT: HOLIDAY HOUSE EXCHANGE IN FRANCE

You may remember Nicolas and Caroline de Bussac and their family who lived for some years in our parish. They returned to France and are living at Poissy, near Paris.

They would like to exchange their lovely home and garden with a parish family in August. They will need a house of a size to accommodate a family of two parents and five children. **They would like a week between 27 July and 17 August.**

If you are interested in an exchange like this, **let me know** and I will give you the family details.

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 School from 10 – 11.30am.

OFFERTORY COUNTERS

This Sun: T Walmesley, P and K Alexander

Next Sun: D and J McDonnell, G Crawford, H Whiteman

CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis' Church: L Byrne, J Gallen, B Roberts, K Tooth

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

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALWAYS, FATHER KEVIN.