

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

JUST TO REMIND YOU: 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 keynotes 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

We begin the solemn period of Lent, **Passiontide**, which brings us closer to the events of our Lord's saving passion and death, with the veiled appearance of our churches reflecting the solemnity of this holy season.

We will receive a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop this Sunday.

There will be a **retiring collection** to assist in providing in each church, the floral decorations for Easter.

On Palm Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the 'Walk with Me' books. Details of Holy Week and Easter Octave worship are given on a separate gold coloured sheet. Please take one home with you and please refer to it.

Easter Collection envelopes are available.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate **Father David and Joanna** today as they celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We ask our Lord to bless them at this very special time. They married on an Easter Monday!

NEXT SUNDAY

We keep Palm Sunday and we begin Holy Week, the most solemn week of the Christian year. There will be the blessing and distribution of palms at each mass. Please indicate with a cross (X) on the list provided, the time you will commit to be with our Lord on **Maundy Thursday at the Altar of Repose.**

There is also a list for volunteers to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS and READERS

Please will Eucharistic Ministers and Readers volunteer their services for the Easter Triduum and sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Ministers are asked to renew their commitment at the Mass on Maundy Thursday.

GIFT AID SCHEME AND ENVELOPES

Please use the envelopes now for the new tax year. If you would like to sign up for the Gift Aid Scheme by envelope or Standing Order, please contact T. Stokes (857 866). **Please see the diocesan handouts about Gift Aid.**

PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **Monday 8 April** at 7.30 at Bullimore Grove. As Lent progresses, we continue to renew our love and trust in God our Father, by keeping firmly to our resolutions; the Easter joy of Jesus' resurrection, in which we will partake, will be our reward. Please join us in this prayer for our parish, LP Whiteman.

3H CAKE SALE This raised £245- Many thanks to all parishioners for their support.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

C.W.L. meet in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 9 April** at 7.00 pm (doors open at 6.45pm). There will be a welcome return visit from Molly Murray recalling some of her hilarious moments during her time working as a waitress at Wedding receptions. Parishioners welcome.

KENILWORTH/UYOGO FRIENDSHIP LINK AGM AND LUNCH

Saturday 13 April 12.30pm lunch, AGM at 1.30pm. Tickets are £5 adult, £10 family. Methodist Hall, pay at door – all parishioners are welcome, please support Uyogo!!

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT
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.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 12 - 18 MAY

I wish to thank very much those who have already volunteered to collect during the house-to-house collection for the important work of Christian Aid.

We do, however, need more collectors to enable us to cover the roads allocated to us.

If you are able to help please contact S. MacMahon on Tel: 01926 858 436.

HOLIDAY HOUSE EXCHANGE IN FRANCE

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

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. **We will be closed from the 8 April and re-open on the 29 April**
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 Stokes, P and K Alexander

Next Sun: P Rand, P Ryan

CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis' Church: B Holt, S MacMahon, S Tinsley

St Austin's Church: L Scimeca, R Jordan

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALWAYS, FATHER KEVIN.