

THANK YOU ALL

As we celebrate the Octave Day of Easter, I wish to thank everyone who contributed to the beauty and wonder of our Holy Week and Easter ceremonies – servers, musicians, singers, floral artists, children’s catechists, cleaners, wardens and all those “behind the scenes”. You all did such a wonderful job on behalf of us all – thank you.

Thanks to Fr David for his support and great kindness.

I would also wish to add a personal note of thanks for your generosity to Fr David and to me, through the Easter offering, and through your personal gifts and cards.

May God bless you all for your kindness, Father Kevin.

EASTER NEWS

You may have noticed the new **tabernacle veil** at St Austin’s. This will be used during the two Octaves of the year, at Easter and Christmas and has been created in gold material, as befits those occasions, by our parishioner, **Mary Lilley**, to whom we express our sincere thanks.

Matthew Duigan, who serves at the altar, usually at the 8.00 am Mass at St Austin’s, was presented with a **silver St Stephen’s Guild medal** in recognition of ten years service at the altar. God bless you, Matthew, and many congratulations.

THIS SUNDAY

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday- leaflets are available to take home

We welcome **FATHER PAUL MARTIN**, the Priest Director of the St. Barnabas’ Society. Once known as the Converts’ Aid Society, this Catholic Charity provides help for those ordained in other Christian communities to come into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. Father Paul and I were at Oscott College together, and I am grateful to him for his visit, to say mass and to preach an appeal.

There will be a second collection at all masses for the work of the charity.

Please give a warm welcome to Father Paul.

PARISH AGM: THIS SUNDAY

Please remember that the Parish AGM will be held on **this Sunday at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre**. Please make every effort to be there.

NOTRE DAME DE PARIS

I wish to express to our parishioners from France, the heartfelt concern of the whole parish after the devastation by fire of the Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Paris. I remember many times of worship and prayer within its walls and pray for the Archbishop and all the people of the Diocese and throughout France. After such destruction may there be a wonderful Resurrection.

Notre Dame de Paris, priez pour nous!

MARGARET WOFFENDEN RIP

Recently we all heard the very sad news of the unexpected death of **Margaret Woffenden**. We extend our loving sympathy to John, Sarah, Jacqueline and the whole family. **Reception will be into St Austin’s Church at 5 pm Thursday 2 May, for Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Friday 3 May.** May Margaret rest in peace.

2019 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE IN THE USA

There will be a car wash in the car park of St Francis’ Church between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm on **Saturday 11 May**, to assist Kenilworth Scouts and Leaders to attend the Jamboree in the USA this summer. Please support this event if you are able.

SERVICE IN OUR SCHOOLS

The Birmingham Diocesan Education Service is offering a course on **Saturday 11 May 2019** entitled ‘A day for practising Catholics aspiring for a leadership role in our schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham’.

Venue: Birmingham Diocesan Education Service, Don Bosco House, Coleshill. B46 3EA, Time: 8.30 to 3.30 pm.

To book, please access the booking form by typing the link below into your web browser <http://w.pfrms.co/bj4jc> or visit our website www.bdes.org.uk

SAVE THE DATE

SALVE will be having the annual Plant Sale on the **Weekend Saturday 11 May at 5.30pm Mass** and again on Sunday if stocks last in aid of our local charities. We would very much welcome any plant donations from parishioners.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

A Date for your Diary - C.W.L. will host a St George's Afternoon Tea in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 12 May at 3.00pm**. Tickets will be on sale after each Mass.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY AND CLERGY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION

Sunday 12 May will this year be Good Shepherd or Vocations Sunday, when we pray for a deeper sense of our personal vocation and for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life in Religious Community. We pray for the Seminaries at Oscott and elsewhere.

There will be the annual Second Collection for the training of Priests and Deacons over 11 / 12 May.

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.**

There will be an opportunity to sign up to help after the Sunday masses.

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.

Next meeting is on 29 April

ST FRANCIS’ PARENTS’ AND TODDLERS’ GROUPS – TERM TIME ONLY

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.

Volunteers are required to transport food bank donations from St Francis to food bank centres in Kenilworth. If you can help please contact A. Kelly on 01926 854 392.

OFFERTORY COUNTERS

This Sun: M Swinburne, D Spillane, J Rice, R Palmi

Next Sun: T Walmesley, P and K Alexander

CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis’: R Richardson, A Smyth, T Wilding

St Austin’s: M Sexton, T Adams

EASTER BLESSINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO YOU ALL, Father Kevin.