

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI

As many of you will already be aware, Father David and Jo will be taking a group of parishioners on pilgrimage to Assisi beginning early on this Sunday morning. I am grateful to him and to Jo for the huge amount of planning and work which has gone into this wonderful event. Please keep the parish pilgrimage group in **your** prayers and I am sure they will be holding all of us in prayer in the home of St Francis and St Clare of Assisi. Travel well, all of you, and return refreshed and in safety. Buon Viaggio!

PARISH AGM

I would like to thank all those who attended the Parish AGM on 28 April. Georgina Cowley, Patrick Brown and Peter Shiels came to the end of their term as Council members. Henry Whiteman and Tony Stokes have stood down from the Finance Committee. On behalf of the entire parish I wish to thank them for their willing participation in these two important areas of parish life. Jill Barr continues as our Safeguarding Officer, Simon Hill is now our Health and Safety Officer and Rob Allison, Angela Cowley and Marianne Delahaye have been elected onto the Parish Council. Thanks to **all** who continue to serve and to all, individuals, families and parish groups for all you do for the glory of God and the life of this parish.

Both Parish groups are having at the moment their first gatherings since the AGM.

I remind the members of the Parish Pastoral Council of the Meeting at my house at 8 pm on Tuesday, 21 May.

For your information, the Finance Committee met at 7pm on Tuesday, 14 May.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our best wishes to **ANTHONY DAVID PITTAWAY and KATIE LOUISE HIGGINS** following their Nuptial Mass last Friday at St Austin's Church. We ask our Lord richly to bless them both and their married life together.

TERESA STORR RIP

Many of you will already have heard of the death of **TERESA STORR** over the night of last Sunday. Teresa and her husband Roy have been in the parish for many years and are well known through their association with our churches and with the running of St Augustine's School. They have both endured the sadness of the death some years ago of their dear son, Gavin, and Teresa has bravely faced the serious diagnosis she received. We pray that Teresa may rest in peace and that Roy, David and all the family and Teresa's many friends, may be comforted.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

C.W.L. wishes to thank all who supported the Afternoon Tea.

The proceeds will enable the members to donate £200 to each of the chosen charities.

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

This year the **Solemnity of St Augustine is on Monday, 27 May which is a Bank Holiday. Mass, celebrated at 10.00 am, will be at St Austin's Church on that day.**

The **10 am Mass on the Wednesday** will be celebrated at St Austin's as usual.

Please note this for next week.

ASCENSION DAY

On Thursday, 30 May we shall celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. Traditionally kept forty days after Easter, in our country this Holy Day of Obligation has recently been **restored to its proper date**. Our celebration reminds us of the conclusion of our Lord's earthly ministry and the hope of heaven which is given to us. Masses are at **St Francis' Church at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm.**

There will be no school masses as it will be the half-term holiday.

Please will Eucharistic Ministers and Readers sign up to help at the masses that day?

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

At the time of the Ascension, our Lord sent his disciples out to communicate the gospel to the nations As a result of that commission, **Sunday 2 June** will be kept as **World Communications Day** and **there will be a second collection.**

SALVE

On behalf of Carriers of Hope in Coventry, dedicated to helping asylum seekers, refugees and Eastern European migrants, SALVE members are now collecting items including coats and bedding. There is a comprehensive list on the SALVE Notice Board in the Narthex. They would be most grateful for any donations.

WORLD YOUTH DAY AT HOME – FROM THE VICAR GENERAL

'World Youth Day at Home' is a weekend festival for 15 - 30s, featuring acclaimed musician Matt Maher and many more, bringing the festivities of WYD in Panama to your doorstep! It's from 7 - 9 June at Alton Castle. Tickets for the weekend start from just £65 incl. coach transport. The parish is keen to support delegates from the parish to attend this event. Please speak to Father or email

stephen.harris@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk to find out more.

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.

Please Note - Closed on Bank Holiday Monday, 27 May, 2019

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 and so if you can help please contact A Kelly on 01926 854392.

OFFERTORY COUNTERS

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

Next Sun: T Stokes, J Barr, P Haley

CHURCH CLEANING

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

St Austin's: L Scimeca, R Jordan

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