

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

We welcome all visitors attending Mass at our two churches over the summer period. Whether you are visiting family and friends or just staying locally, we hope that you will have a have a blessed and happy time.

CONTINUED BLESSINGS

We ask the blessing of Almighty God on **Fathers Marco Egawhary, Ryan Service and John Waters** who were ordained as priests in the Cathedral recently. In the autumn they will continue their studies in Rome for their STL degree.

MONSIGNOR LOUIS MCRAVE

The Funeral Mass will be at St. Chad's Cathedral, St. Chad's Queensway, Birmingham B4 6EU on Monday, **29 July 2019 at 12 noon – all are welcome.**

WELCOME

We welcome into the life of the Catholic Church, **FREDERICK STANLEY DALMAN** who was baptised recently at St Francis' Church. We pray for him, his parents, brothers, Grandparents and Godparents.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our best wishes to **PETER SQUIRES and HELENA ELIZABETH BYRNE** following their Wedding last Friday at St Austin's Church. We ask our Lord richly to bless them both and their married life together.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ALSO CONFIRMATION FOR THOSE NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

We hope, if possible, to have these groups ready to begin in September. To that end we need the names of those **who come to mass regularly here** who wish, with their parents' support, to be prepared for the sacraments. All names, addresses and phone numbers to Father Kevin or Father David by Sunday 11 August, please.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME – NEWMAN'S CANONISATION

A pilgrimage to Rome (long-weekend) is proposed from Friday 11 to Monday 14 October 2019. It includes attending Newman's Canonisation Mass at St Peter's on Sunday 13 October. Flying is from Stansted Airport. Coach transfers to and from the airport included in the cost - picking up from Birmingham and Stratford. Rome Tax extra. Half board. Cost: £550 - sharing. £600 - single rooms (limited). Deposit: £150. The weekend will also include an English-speaking tour guide and the opportunity to visit some of the sites of Rome. This will be a combination of walking tours and travelling on a coach. You can book online <http://www.northernstartravel.com/Tours/Rome> or via the telephone by contacting Adrian Duffy at Northern Star Travel 0161 773 2115, mobile: 07821 924 528. Email: info@northernstartravel.com. Contact is Andrew Oldnall 07733 226 063 or email: andrewsoldnall@gmail.com Book early to avoid disappointment.

FROM SALVE

May we draw parishioners' attention to our 'Requirements List' on the SALVE Notice Board in the Narthex for our Asylum seekers / Migrants in Coventry?

Donations of the various items would be greatly appreciated.

PARISH OUTING TO OXFORD

The parish outing this year will take place on **Tuesday, 13 August**. The Coach will leave promptly at 8.30 am and return at around 6.00pm. There are a few vacant seats. Please see notice in Narthex for details. Please have a cheque for £18, payable to C.W.L. Kenilworth, available when you enter the coach.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC FUND

Our contribution to the running of the Bishops' Conference for this year is about £1300.00. **To offset this Levy placed on the Parish, there will be a second collection at all masses on 3 / 4 August and 24 / 25 August.** This is now such a considerable amount that we should all try to contribute towards it.

SVP BIBLES FOR PRISONERS

The SVP would like to say a big thank you to the parishioners and CWL for their response to our bible appeal which raised the magnificent sum of £1,608-23. This will now enable the purchase of bibles and related study guides for the 100 long term RC prisoners in Long Larkin maximum security prison. Our sincere thanks also go to Fr. Kevin and Fr. David for their ongoing support and assistance.

ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY AT MOUNT ST BERNARD ABBEY LE67 5UL

This year's 33rd Anniversary Rally will be led by Father Colin Patey. **It will take place on Sunday, 1 September beginning with mass at 2.00pm.** After a break for refreshments, events continue at 4.00pm with Marian and Eucharistic Devotions and the Blessing of the sick - See poster in St Francis' narthex.

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 that the group is closed for the summer.**

It will re-open on Monday 9 September.

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.

OFFERTORY COUNTERS – NEW ROTA AVAILABLE

This Sun: T Stokes, D Spillane, J Rice, R Palmi (I think)

Next Sun: P Whiting, M Harrington

CHURCH CLEANING

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

St Austin's: P Highton L Morris

EVERY BLESSING AND GOOD WISHES TO YOU ALL, Father Kevin.