

THIS SUNDAY 14 JULY IS SEA SUNDAY

Although in Kenilworth we are as far from the sea as it is possible to be in this country; at this time each year we are reminded of our dependence on the sea and sea transport, for so much (about 95%) that we enjoy in our daily lives. We are also encouraged to support the Apostleship of the Sea in its outreach to seafarers.

There will be a second collection at all masses this Sunday; please be generous.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS ON.....

Twenty five years ago, shortly after St. Francis church was built, the 9:30 Mass was broadcast on a Sunday morning TV show hosted by Gloria Hunniford.

To allow anyone who is interested to re-live this event, a DVD of the mass and other relevant extracts of the programme, lasting about an hour, will be shown during coffee **after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday 14 July.**

WELCOME

We welcome into the life of the Catholic Church, **OLIVER MICHAEL SHEEHAN** who was baptised recently at St Austin's Church. We pray for him, his parents, family Grandparents and Godparents.

CAKE SALE

This Sunday, 14 July after 9.30am and 11.15am masses, there will be a cake sale to raise money for 3H (Housing, Help and Hospitality). This is a small, local charity supporting victims of human trafficking and they would greatly appreciate your support.

NEW SVP PRISON PROJECT

Would you like to sponsor the cost of a bible for a long term prisoner in HMP Long Lartin maximum security prison? A bible costs £14 but any contribution would be most appreciated. **SVP members will be available after all masses this Sunday to receive any donations.** Grateful thanks go to all donors.

L.E.D LIGHTING AT ST FRANCIS' CHURCH

This is to let you all know that the church lighting is to be replaced during the week beginning **Sunday, 14 July**. On **Monday 15 July, the mass will be at St Francis' Church as normal at 9.30am** and then throughout the week, the church will not be available for worship or prayer. Instead, **all masses will be at St Austin's.**

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Please remember in your prayers, **Rev Marco Egawhary, Rev Ryan Service and Rev John Waters** who, please God, are to be ordained to the Priesthood at St Chad's Cathedral next Saturday.

PATRICK BROWN RIP

Patrick and his wife Eileen have been part of the parish since 2013. In that time they have become a regular part of parish life; at mass, at social events and in the Catenian Circle. Patrick when he could be was at daily mass; he was an able Lector and for three years served on our Parish Pastoral Council. He was in so many senses an upright man, who defended Catholic belief and life. Patrick died last week and Father David and I, together with others will miss him greatly. **Patrick's Requiem Mass will be at St Austin's at 11.30am on Tuesday, 16 July.**

May he rest in peace and Eileen and the all family be comforted.

PARISH MEETINGS

During the coming week we will have the following important Parish meeting:

Tuesday 16 July 7.30pm at 110 Warwick Road - Parish Pastoral Council

Please note: Finance Committee Meeting postponed until 5 August.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

A huge thank you is sent to all who helped make the Afternoon Tea, recently, such a great success. £922 was raised which will be sent directly to the Christians who are most in need in the Holy Land.

A NEW SAINT FOR OUR COUNTRY

Cardinal John Henry Newman is to be declared a saint later this year:

Pope Francis has announced the date of the canonisation as Sunday 13 October.

Cardinal Newman was one of the most significant figures in English Catholicism. He was ordained in the Church of England and converted to Catholicism in 1845. He founded the Birmingham Oratory in 1849 and, when he died at the age of 89, 15,000 people lined the streets of Birmingham for his funeral. The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, said it was a "moment of great pride ... John Henry Newman is known for many great qualities, but we remember him particularly for the kindness and compassion of his ministry to the people of Birmingham".

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.

FROM BISHOP KENNEY – PARISH VISITATIONS

Bishop Kenney has informed me that our visitation will be on **9 – 10 November 2019.**

MONSIGNOR LOUIS MCRAVE

Monsignor's death at the age of 105 years has been announced. He often celebrated Mass at St Austin's during his time as Chaplain at Warwick University. RIP.

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 will close for the summer on Monday 15 July and 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

This Sun: P Whiting, M Harrington

Next Sun: P Rand, P Ryan

CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis': S Allinson, G Chapman, A Kelly

St Austin's: J Poulter, A Roberts

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