



### **THIS SUNDAY**

We begin the **New Year of God's grace** in the life and liturgy of the Church with the beginning of Advent. The season of Advent reminds us of our need to prepare spiritually for Christmas as we recall Christ's first coming at Bethlehem. We are also directed in mind and heart to await Christ when he calls us home to him or when he comes to us in glory. **The Advent Crown** reminds us of our preparation to welcome Christ the Light of the world - Happy New Year, everyone.

**The Sunday readings will be from Year A, the year of St Matthew.**

**The weekday cycle in Ordinary Time will be from year two.**

**'Walk with Me' booklets are available and calendars.** Please take as many as you would like. There will be a collection to defray costs in 2020.

**'The Sower' Advent Diocesan Magazines are also available at no cost!**

### **HHH CHARITY**

There will be a **retiring collection** after all masses over this **Sunday** as a Christmas help for the beneficiaries of this charity.

### **ENROLMENT**

The three children in the Parish Group, Philippa, Robert and Tommy, will be enrolling for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist **at the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday.**

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN KENILWORTH ETC. ADVENT SERVICE**

St Nicholas' Church, High Street, will be hosting the **Advent Service on this Sunday at 6.30pm** with Advent Hymns, Readings & prayers. All are welcome.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Last Sunday **MRS LORRAINE MCCOY** was baptised and confirmed at the 9.30 am Mass. We congratulate her most sincerely, and ask our Lord's blessing upon her and her husband Christopher, and their son Joseph.

May they find friendship, peace and happiness in the life of our parish.

### **GIVING TREE**

A giving tree is now up in the both churches. This is a way we can support the sick, disadvantaged and those supported by the SVP in our parish and the wider local community. Please take a tag from the tree and purchase the specified item.

**Please note that this year we are requesting that you do not wrap the food items etc. but place them unwrapped under the tree with the tag attached.**

Thanks go to Kari and Ian Gordon, the Feasey family, Mary Palmi, Abigail and Stephanie and all those who have helped.

### **PRAYER GROUP**

The next meeting will be on **Monday 2 December** at 7.30pm at Bullimore Grove.

At the beginning of Advent our prayers will concentrate on preparing for the holy season of Jesus' Nativity and what it all means to us in 2019. We will pray for grace, to enter fully and joyfully in welcoming the Child Jesus into our hearts this Christmas.

**Please join with us in this prayer,** LP Whiteman, telephone 854 148.

### **PRE-ELECTION HUSTINGS**

This is to confirm that the date has been finalised for the Hustings event under the auspices of Churches Together in Kenilworth & District. It will be held at St John's Church, Warwick Road on **Friday 6 December between 7:30pm and 9:30pm.** All questions should be submitted beforehand **on the form** at [www.lovekenilworth.org.uk](http://www.lovekenilworth.org.uk)

### **ANNUAL 'POOR PARISHES' COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection for the poor parishes of the Archdiocese on **Sunday 7 / 8 December.** We are materially blessed in so many ways here in Kenilworth. This collection helps us to support those parishes who struggle financially.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

There will be a **retiring** collection after all Masses on **Sunday, 14 / 15 December** for the decoration of both Churches with flowers over the Christmas Festival.

**FLOWER ARRANGERS** Volunteers are needed for both churches contact J Jarvis 01926 858 003 and Y Shillington 01926 511 963.

### **SCOUT CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY SERVICE**

The 4th Kenilworth Scout Group is again running a Christmas card delivery service **within Kenilworth.** Post at our stall in Talisman Square on 30 November, 7 and 14 December. Collection points also at Atkinson Stilgoe Estate Agents - Warwick Road, Head First Hairdressers - Common Lane, GDT Automobiles - Caesar Road, Steve Crowe Butchers - Whitemoor Road, Mike Vaughan Cycles - High Street & Leyes Lane Pharmacy - Leyes Lane. Delivery from 15 December. Only 25p per card!

### **YOUR PRIESTS AND CHRISTMAS**

Soon we will celebrate the birthday of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. May we both crave your kindness and indulgence in asking you **not to mark that celebration with personal gifts to us?** The Christmas Offering, given to Father David and to me is a sign of generosity and financial support. May we humbly and sincerely request that a small donation be given to the Crib Collection rather than a personal gift to us at this time? Also, please don't feel that you **must** send a Christmas card, thank you.

### **SVP REQUEST LIFT REQUIREMENT TO SATURDAY 5.30PM MASS**

The SVP is requiring help with transport for an elderly lady from the Brookside area to the Saturday evening mass. An additional two people on our rota would mean only a requirement of once every five or six weeks.

If you think you could be of assistance contact Dennis Treanor on 850227.

### **PIETY STALL AT ST FRANCIS' CHURCH**

Various items for Advent and Christmas are available. Come and view the Advent Calendars, Christmas cards and 2020 diaries. Your support is invited so have a look!

### **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: M Swinburne, D Spillane, J Rice, R Palmi

Next Sun: P Whiting, M Harrington

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

St Francis': J Gallen, B Roberts, K Tooth

St Austin's: J O'Carroll-Bailey, V Childs

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