

Weekday Mass Times and Intentions
St Francis St Augustine

Mon 9.30am Bobby Kersey (3rd Anniv.) (Ian and Kari Gordon and family)
Tue **9.30am** For John Skinner on the day of his funeral (Eileen Crean)
Wed 10.00am Family Intention (Maura Jelly)
Thu 7.30pm For the wellbeing of our Country
Fri 7.30pm Ian Clarke (13th Anniv.) (Roy Titcomb and the family)
Sat 10.00am Isabel Margaret Kay (JA)

St Augustine's Church is usually open for prayer daily from about 9am – 4pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 am – 11.00 am and 4.45 pm – 5.15 pm

Feast days this week:

Monday 9 December **Transferred Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady (Diocesan Patroness)**
Friday 13 December St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday 14 December St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Collections recently:

1 December: £1041-49 Standing Orders: £500 approx.
'Housing, Help and Hospitality' Collection £593-89
Thank you for your kindness and generosity

This Parish is part of the RC Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No.234216

Please pray for those who are sick:

Those who have died recently:

The Catholic Parish of Kenilworth

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Notices for the week commencing
Sunday 8th December 2019
The Second Sunday of Advent Year A
'Year of the Word' Psalter: Week 2

Sunday Mass Times and Intentions

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Sat **5.30pm** Hannah and Dan O'Connor (Anniv's) (M. Molloy and family)
Sun 8.00am Della and Jim Bowen (Anniv's)
(Georgie Larsen and family)
9.30am Clive Hodges (2nd Anniv) (Robert, Jackie and family)
11.15am People of the Parish

Next Sunday

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Sat **5.30pm** Winifred Kelly and comfort for the family (Patrick)
Sun 8.00am Deceased of the Ainscow and
Whiting families (Peter and Shirley)
9.30am Michael Simmonds (B'day Anniv) (Dolores and family)
11.15am People of the Parish

THIS SUNDAY

Congratulations to the Archbishop on his tenth Anniversary of Installation!

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.

'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!

'Churches Together' Christmas cards are also available. Please take some.

Christmas cards / folders from Fathers Kevin and David are available today.

ANNUAL 'POOR PARISHES' COLLECTION

There will be a second collection for the poor parishes of the Archdiocese this **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.

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 Staveley and Stephanie Wright and all those who have helped.

SALVE

Grateful appreciation is sent to all who shared the Advent lunch last Sunday.

The excellent result was £536 and, together with a small amount of money in hand, £200 has been donated to each of their three Christmas Charities.

Special thanks go to Angela and the team.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

The Christmas Party will be held in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday 10 December**.

Doors open at 5.45pm. Enjoy a delicious Supper followed by a visit from Mother Christmas (please remember present (£2-£3) and a Card. Afterwards, by popular request, there will be entertainment with carols from the Warwickshire Singers' Choir who invite all to sing along.

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!

SALVE

Members will be selling their mouth-watering mince pies, and other Christmas fare, on the **14 and 15 December** in aid of 'Let the Children Live!' Please support them.

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.

CAROL SINGING

'Churches Together' will be singing carols outside **Sainsbury's from 7.00 pm on Thursday 19 December.**

CARDS TO PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

There will be an opportunity to send a Christmas greeting to Prisoners of Conscience **after Mass over Sunday 21 / 22 December.**

Please contact P. Haley, 01926 864 505, if you are able to help after Mass.

COFFEE ETC. AFTER THE 9.30 A.M. MASS

Thanks to all those who have supported Coffee after 9.30 am Mass on Sunday.

The rota for the coming year is being compiled if you would like to help please contact S & P Haley 01926 864 505.

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. 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 COIN AND TOY COLLECTIONS

The SVP would like to thank Crackley Hall Mini Vinnies for their excellent foreign coin collection and St Augustine's Mini Vinnies for the amazing collection of toys donated to Coventry refugees. Well done everyone!

UPDATE ON PRISON BIBLE APPEAL FROM THE SVP

Following the recent appeal by the SVP for prison bibles, which raised over £1600, we have now supplied the 100 bibles to the chaplain at Long Larkin prison. The bibles were purchased with the help of the Bible Society and we were able to get a number of them free as it was for a charitable purpose. This has enabled us to supply extra study guides and catechisms to the Chaplain (following discussions about his requirements). Subsequently we have received emails from the chaplain, thanking not only the SVP, but also all Kenilworth parishioners for their generosity and help

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.

OFFERTORY COUNTERS

This Sun: P Whiting, M Harrington

Next Sun: T Walmesley, P and K Alexander

CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis': E Head, L Hnat, B Stokes

St Austin's: E and M Butler

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