

THIS SUNDAY

We welcome to the **9.30 am Mass**, the nine young people from Crackley Hall School who are enrolling for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. We pray for them, and for their parents, families and friends. We welcome also the Mrs Susan Olden and Chamber Choir from Crackley Hall School together with Mr Duigan, the Head teacher, Mrs Jackson- Mayne, Mrs Simmonds and all from school at Mass today.

We remember on this Sunday the gift to us all of the Word of God.

ON MONDAY it will be Holocaust Memorial Day and we remember those people who suffered and died through the atrocities of the Concentration Camps and all other forms of brutality during the Second World War. May they all rest in peace.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Thank you to the parishioners who attended the Service at the Methodist Church last Sunday. It was good to see a number of parishioners there.

NEXT SUNDAY; LITURGICAL CELEBRATION ON 2 FEBRUARY

Next Sunday, 2 February we shall keep the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple or 'Candlemas'. This celebration, forty days after Christmas, reminds us that Christ is the Light of the Nations and the Glory of Israel.

The solemn entrance into church and traditional candle blessing will be observed at all the masses.

On Monday 3rd February, the blessing of throats for St Blaise's Day will be given.

ANNUAL CRIB COLLECTION: 'LET THE CHILDREN LIVE!'

The Crib Collection at Christmas was £1791-14. Thanks to you all for your generous crib donations over the season of Christmas out of devotion to our new-born Saviour. I wish to thank most sincerely, the members of SALVE, who, this year, raised **£200** as a result of their pre-Christmas sale of mince pies etc. and also to thank all those who supported them. A **direct donation of a further £200** has also been given.

This makes a grand total of £ 2191-14.

This total will make a **significant** difference to the work of 'Let the Children Live!'

WELCOME

We welcome into the life of the Catholic Church, **JACOB JOSEPH RICHARDS** who was baptised recently at St Austin's Church by his Great Uncle, Father Richard Walker. We pray for Jacob, for his parents, family, Grandparents and Godparents.

SALVE

The next Meeting will be in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday, 28 January, commencing with coffee at 10.15 am, followed by Mass at 12.00 noon.** New members very welcome. Further information is from F. Chapman 858 105.

PARISH MEETING

The next Parish Finance Committee meeting is on **Thursday 30 January at 7pm.**

Mass on that day will be at 9.30am.

TERENCE WIDNALL RIP

We extend our sympathy to Diana and to her three sons and to all the family members.

Terence's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Francis' Church at 11.30 am on Friday, 31 January. May he rest in peace.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

C.W.L. will host a Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre on Saturday, 8 February, at 10.30am in aid of our nominated charities, Waverley Day Centre and Coventry Cyrenians. There will be a raffle, bring and buy stall, and homemade cakes and savouries for sale. **Tickets are available after each Mass.**

FROM COVENTRY CYRENIANS

"We would like to thank everyone at St Francis's and St Augustine's Churches and the whole Catholic Parish of Kenilworth for your very generous donation towards our Christmas Day meal. As well as this year, you have donated to our Christmas meal in the past and we are very appreciative of your support.

For over 30 years Coventry Cyrenians has been delivering this free event for some of our community's most vulnerable people."

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CONFIRMATION MASS

We shall welcome Bishop William Kenney to the parish for the celebration of the Mass of Confirmation on **Thursday 6 February at 7.00 pm.** Please keep in prayer the candidates for Confirmation from our school and the Parish Group. There will be a mass for parishioners at **12 noon on that day** as well as the Confirmation mass.

DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The date given to us by the Archdiocese for 2020 is Sunday, 16 February.

This will be observed this year at **St Francis' Church. Please book the date and later on sign up for a period of personal prayer on the charts in both churches.**

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE CHARITY COLLECTION

The collection in 2020 will take place at all masses over 16 / 17 February. I commend to you all this collection for such an important work locally based and working nationally. There will also be a collection for SPUC in the spring of this year.

ST FRANCIS' PARENTS' AND TODDLERS' GROUPS – TERM TIME

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: T Stokes, J Barr, P Haley

Next Sun: P Rand, P Ryan, B and C Roberts

CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis: B Holt, S MacMahon, S Tinsley

St Austin's: S Haley, M Palmi

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALL THROUGHOUT 2020, FATHER KEVIN