

THIS SUNDAY; LITURGICAL CELEBRATION ON 2 FEBRUARY

On this Sunday, 2 February we 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.

NEXT SUNDAY will be kept as 'Racial Justice' Sunday.

PRAYER GROUP

There will be a meeting on **Monday 3 February at 7 30 pm** at Bullimore Grove. The contact is L P Whiteman, 854148.

CONFIRMATION MASS

We shall welcome Bishop William Kenney to the parish for the celebration of the Mass of Confirmation on this coming **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 in the evening.

REPOSITORY

Various items relating to the **Confirmation Mass on 6 February** are available at the Repository. Coming up also, items for St Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday and Easter.

MEDITATION

The next meeting will be at **10.30 am on Thursday, 6 February at 19 Moorlands Avenue**. The contact is P. Southall, 859474. Why not give it a try?!

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.**

MICHAEL DUIGAN RIP

Last Sunday at Mass, I expressed to Rob Duigan, to Wendy and to Matthew and Katie, our deepest sympathy and the assurance of our prayers following the untimely and tragic death of his younger brother, Michael. Rob, the Head teacher at Crackley Hall School is now in South Africa, with his parents and family members, for the Requiem Mass and to give them all his support. Please keep them all in your prayers, may Michael rest in peace and his wife and young son find comfort and hope for the future.

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 this year.

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 sign up for a period of personal prayer on the charts now found in both churches.

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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: P Whiting, M Harrington

Next Sun: T Walmesley, P and K Alexander

CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis: J Barr, P Shiels, M Sullivan

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

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALL, FATHER KEVIN