

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE CHARITY COLLECTION ON 'LIFE' SUNDAY

The collection will take place at all masses over this Sunday. 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 later this year.

DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

We shall keep a time of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer for vocations. At St Francis' Church, this will begin today at the conclusion of the 11.15 am Mass, until Benediction is given at 6 pm. Please come to pray for vocations in the church – diaconate, priesthood, religious life, lay ministry, and for a deeper sense of your own vocation.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS AND CALENDARS

These will once again be available for Lent. Please take them and use them. We have not collected yet to defray the costs of the Advent edition, and so there will be a retiring collection at all masses over next **Sunday, 22 / 23 February**.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The supporting **Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Stall** will be in St Francis' Parish Centre on **Tuesday 18 February** from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Entry is £2 and will include refreshments.

The **Prayer Service for Zimbabwe**, this year is on **Friday 6 March** at All Saints' Church, Leek Wootton beginning at 2 pm preceded by a light lunch from 12.30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

On **Wednesday, 19 February**, **Kenilworth Catenian Circle** will celebrate the **700th Meeting of the Circle**. We congratulate the President, Officers and all the brothers of the Circle, together with their ladies. Over many years the Circle, and its individual members, have been of significant benefit and help to the life of our parish.

We ask God's blessing upon them all as we congratulate them warmly.

MEDITATION

The next meeting will be at **10.30 am on Thursday, 20 February at 19 Moorlands Avenue**. The contact is P. Southall, 859474. Why not give it a try?!

NEWMAN CIRCLE

On **Tuesday 25 February at 7.30pm**, Archbishop Longley will give a talk to the Coventry Newman Circle on ARCIC III, and the progress in talks between the Catholic Church and the Church of England.

It will be held at the parish room behind St Thomas More Church, Coventry.

IMPORTANT - OBERAMMERGAU 2020

Very soon it will be six months until we go on pilgrimage to Oberammergau. I would like all pilgrims to meet at **my house at 7.30 pm on Monday 9 March**. I hope the date suits everyone, please come, drinks will be served.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Parish Members will be hosting the Lenten Lunch on **Sunday 1 March 12.45pm in the Parish Centre**. Tickets at £5 will be on sale after Mass. All proceeds will go directly to the Christians most in need in the Holy Land. Contact P. Highton 859532.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

C.W.L members wish to thank all who generously supported the recent Coffee morning. The proceeds amounted to £540 and this will be shared between our two charities, Waverley Day Centre and Coventry Cyrenians.

JUST A REMINDER: LENT 2020

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, this year will be on Wednesday, 26 February with Mass and Imposition of ashes at 9.30am and 7.30pm at St Francis' Church. Mass will be also celebrated for Crackley Hall School at 11.00 am and at St Augustine's School at 2.00pm.

N.B. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

Lent gives us the opportunity not only to think of self-denial but also of renewing and refreshing our spiritual lives by doing something new or taking up again something from which we may have lapsed. Let us pray for the grace to keep a good Lent.

Prayer, fasting and concern for others are spiritual keynotes in Lent.

- What about coming to **an extra Mass in the week? Celebrating Reconciliation?**
- Stations of the Cross **Friday 7pm** at St Francis' and **Sunday 4.30pm** at St Austin's.
- **Family Fast Day for CAFOD 6 March**- envelopes will be available.

N.B. FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 29 FEB / 1 MARCH - ANNUAL SECOND COLLECTION FOR ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL

SALVE

Save the date: SALVE will be holding their popular Coffee Morning in honour of St. Patrick on **Saturday 21 March 10.30am -12.00**. Proceeds will be for Zoe's Place Children's Hospice. Tickets will be on sale after Mass from 29 Feb/1 March.

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.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS New rota is available.

FOOD BANK ROTA Please check whether you are transporting food this week.

OFFERTORY COUNTERS

This Sun: T Walmesley, P Ryan, B and C Roberts

Next Sun: M Swinburne, D Spillane, J Rice, R Palmi

CHURCH CLEANING

Saturday Cleaners required for St Francis' Church **once every six weeks** for approximately only an hour and a quarter. **Please 'phone 855903 for details.**

St Francis: R Richardson, A Smyth, T Wilding

St Austin's: M and S Sexton

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALL, FATHER KEVIN