

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS AND CALENDARS

These are once again 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 this **Sunday**.

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.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS WILLING TO HELP ON
ASH WEDNESDAY - PLEASE SIGN UP IN ST FRANCIS' NARTHEX.

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 are now available.**

FEAST DAY OF ST CHAD: CATHEDRAL COLLECTION

St Chad's Feast Day will be celebrated on Monday 2 March. It is customary in the diocese to pray for the Cathedral and to give financial support at this time of year. **There will be a Second Collection for maintenance of St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham at all masses over next Sunday.**

PHOTOGRAPHY IN CHURCH

Someone attending the 9.30 am Mass last Sunday was seen taking photographs of the Music Group. As this group includes children, I remind all parishioners, that it is inappropriate to photograph or film in church without given permission.

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.

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.

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 859 532.

ON SATURDAY 7 MARCH

Our young people from Year 3 at St Augustine's School will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St Francis' Church at 11.00am on 7 March.

Please pray for them and for their families.

Morning mass will, therefore, be at 9.30am on that Saturday.

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.

SVP AWARENESS

Members of the SVP will be making their annual appeal to the parish at all masses over the weekend of the **14 / 15 March**.

There will be a second collection that Sunday to support the work of the SVP.

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.

PARISH AGM: SUNDAY 3 MAY

I include this reminder to give you all good and advance notice of the parish AGM, which will be on **Sunday 3 May at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre**.

Please put the date in your diary as it is an important meeting for anyone interested in the running of the parish.

We will be seeking nominations for members of the Parish Council.

This is of great importance for the parish. Are you willing to help?

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS New rota is available.

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

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: J Gallen, B Roberts, K Tooth

St Austin's: T Adams, M Hazelwood

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALL, FATHER KEVIN