



## SUMMER HOLIDAYS

We welcome all visitors attending Mass in our parish over the summer period. Whether you are visiting family and friends or just staying locally, we hope that you will have a have a blessed and happy time.

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**St. Francis' Church will be the location for public masses on Saturday 25 July at 5.30pm, on Sunday 26 July at 8:00, 9:30am and 11:15 am and on Tuesday 28 July at 10:00am. Please remember to wear a face covering in church, thank you.**

I would like to give you all an update, now that we have been 'open' for two Sundays. On 12 July we had two Masses at 9.30 and 11.15 am and 108 people were present. The following week we had the usual pattern of four Masses for Sunday and 173 were present. These are a far cry from pre-Covid numbers but it is wonderful to have congregations for Mass. On Tuesday we will now just be open at 9.30 am for a 10 am Mass and the church will close after Mass with no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Confessions. Confessions will be on Saturday from 4.45 – 5.15 pm or by appointment. Later in August I hope we may have more public Masses. Baptisms may also be possible from the middle of August, subject to Stewards / Cleaners being available.

**Sorry, no space this week for a devotional reflection – just the homily at Mass!** I hope that you and your family will have some blessed times together in spite of all the present difficulties. Enjoy your summer 'staycation' or vacation!!

## ST AUSTIN'S: FOR YOUR CONTINUED INFORMATION

I have received some enquiries about St Austin's Church. It seemed to me at the beginning of 'lockdown' that I would be offering a private mass at the church where I live, from the point of view of ease of use. When we needed to think of stewards, cleaners and preparing the church to open up, St Francis' was the obvious choice; large car park, easy access by bus, no need to 'open up' the site. There was no necessity to have the same procedure for St Austin's. Now, however, there is also the issue of **damp** again in the church. This will be addressed over the next few months, making impossible the use of the church at present.

I hope you will all wish use St Francis' Church for Mass and private prayer.

## TO CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS

At the moment you may have a copy delivered direct to your home every week, post free! Please go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call on **0161 820 5722** and they will arrange it for you.

**This is a special offer for three months at £18.00 or for twelve months at £72.00. NATIONAL CATHOLIC FUND**

Our contribution to the running of the Bishops' Conference for this year is about £1100.00. **To offset this Levy placed on the Parish, there will, for obvious reasons, be no second collections this year.**

**Perhaps when you are at mass you would like to make an increased contribution?** This is now such a considerable amount that we should all try to contribute towards it.

## GIFT AID ENVELOPES ETC.

These envelopes and other donations may be posted through the Presbytery inside letter-box. Thank you for this continued sign of kindness and generosity. Our Parish Treasurer has gathered the figures together for income for the first half year. I would like you all to know that we are over **£15,000 down** on our forecasted income for that period.

Other parishes and institutions are in a similar state, but this is the figure for our parish. **FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ALSO CONFIRMATION FOR THOSE NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

It **may be** that we can have parish groups meeting in the autumn; I really do not know. To that end it would help to have names of those **who come to mass regularly here**, who wish, if possible, with their parents' support, to be prepared for the sacraments. All names, addresses and phone numbers to Father Kevin or Father David by Sunday 16 **August**, please.

## CALLING ALL WHO ENJOY COOKING OR DRIVING

Would you be interested in cooking some meals at home to help a local Community meals service, called Molly's Meals, for our vulnerable elderly residents? Molly's Meals has been feeding some of our more vulnerable elderly Kenilworth residents since lockdown started in March. The meal service provides a home cooked meal delivered each day to a vulnerable resident's front door. Mostly these residents are unable to cook and shop adequately for themselves. At present we cook and deliver to 14-16 people each day or it could be a contribution e.g. could you bake a quiche each week? We really need more cooks and more delivery drivers (takes around an hour to deliver across Kenilworth each afternoon).

If anyone is interested in volunteering for this service, please contact P. Hayward on **07768 508 900**. All ingredients are provided or reimbursed from cash donations made to Molly's Meals by local Kenilworth residents.

## SVP AID

Our SVP conference in Kenilworth is here to provide practical assistance to those in need. If you need support, or know of anyone who does, contact us to see if we can help. Contact is [PresidentF021304@svp.org.uk](mailto:PresidentF021304@svp.org.uk)

## SVP CALLING YOUNG ADULTS!

Just finished 6th Form and would like to put your faith into action? Check out what SVP for young adults 18-33 is like by looking at: <https://www.svp.org.uk/svp1833> and Instagram: svpyoungadults, twitter: svpyoungadultse&w; and Facebook: Vinnie Young Adults.

Or, join the new young adult virtual conference: Young Adult Virtual. You will be linked virtually via zoom meetings for prayer, spiritual reflection, planning and reporting and linked to an adult conference nearby for practical works of charity or, if this isn't appropriate at the moment, to local projects like food banks or refugee centres. Interested? Email [lynnelong@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnelong@hotmail.com) or [teresak@svp.org.uk](mailto:teresak@svp.org.uk)

**MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALL DURING THESE DIFFICLT AND CHALLENGING TIMES, FATHER KEVIN**