

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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis' Church will be the location for public masses on Saturday 1 August at 5.30pm, on Sunday 2 August at 8:00, 9:30am and 11:15 am and on Tuesday 4 August at 10:00am.

Please remember to wear a face covering in church, thank you.

Numbers at Mass on 26 July were significantly lower than over the previous Sunday. I am aware that this is the summer holiday period, but I have been noticing some significant issues since we 'opened up' again. Where, for example, are our young families and the children from our Catholic schools? Where are our altar servers? There are those members of our parish, and you know who you are, who would never have missed a Sunday Mass previously, apart from illness or holidays.

I would ask 'Where are you now'? Without you the life around the altar of our church and in the community of the parish will not once again grow and flourish.

The gospel today, one of our Lord's miraculous feedings, invites us to realise how truly wonderful is that nourishment given to us in the gift of our Lord himself in the Blessed Sacrament. May we all be given the grace to respond to so great a gift.

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!!**

PRAYER LIST

I have pruned the list of the sick during the past week. If any names need to be restored, then please let me know, thank you.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Gail and Neil Buswell celebrated their thirtieth Wedding Anniversary recently. Ella and Michael Keeler celebrate their fortieth Wedding Anniversary on this Sunday. Susan and Michael Jones will celebrate their fiftieth Wedding Anniversary next Sunday. We warmly congratulate them all for this witness in the world to Catholic married life. May God bless them and may they have many happy years together.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our condolences and the assurances of prayer to Margaret Bailey after the unexpected death of her son, Paul Meston, in London last Tuesday. May he rest in peace, and may our blessed Lord comfort and strengthen Margaret and the family.

TO CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS

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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

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