

11.15am Allison Cartmail (Members of the CWL)

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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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

The events in the life of the Prophet Elijah had thrown him into a state of personal distress and anxiety. In the midst of such difficulties and with the added storms and tempests on the mountain, it is the Lord communicating with him in the gentle breeze, who reassures him. In the Gospel, similarly Peter's faith fails him face by the force of the wind and the waves. It is the Lord who brings calm and establishes peace for all. In the psalm today we have all prayed:

'Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.'

Our faith, and our sense of personal well-being, may well have been sorely tried and tested through the national and global events of the last five months.

'Christ who is above all, God ever blessed' is the assurance St Paul gives to the Romans in the midst of his own sense of anguish.

So, may the presence of that same Christ, who calmed the storm and supported Peter, bring to us all, at this most trying time, consolation and hope.

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!!**

NEXT SUNDAY: ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST (TRANSFERRED FROM 15TH)

This Solemnity and Holy Day of the Church, reminds us that our Lady was taken as a complete person, body and soul to the glory of heaven and thus, she holds out to us, by the grace of Almighty God, the hope of heaven at the conclusion of our own earthly journey of faith.

Masses will be celebrated at St Francis' Church at the usual Sunday times.

SVP - FOODBANK COLLECTION:

Members of the SVP will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and household products for the local Foodbank, in the car park of St. Francis church, on **Saturday, 22 August between 11.00am and 1.00pm**. They are particularly in need of sponge puddings, crisps/snacks, deodorant, toothpaste, washing-up liquid, ketchup/brown sauce/ mayonnaise. If you would like to donate, but cannot attend at the above time, please phone 01926 858436. (Please note, at present they do NOT need baked beans, pasta, soup, rice, dog food or milk).

CONGRATULATIONS

Susan and Michael Jones celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary this Sunday. We warmly congratulate them both for this witness in the world to Catholic married life. May God bless them and may they have many more 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 recently.

May our blessed Lord comfort and strengthen Margaret and the family.

Paul's Funeral was held on Friday 7 August at Canley Cemetery, May he rest in peace.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA – DIAL-A-MASS

The Knights of St Columba have set up a Dial-a-Mass for those who are unable to participate in the celebration of the Mass via TV or Live streaming. The Mass is available from 12 noon each day and will last about 45 minutes, being available until midnight the same day. **The Mass will cost as little as a local call and the phone number is: 01642-130120.**

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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.

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