



## 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.

## FATHER DAVID BAZEN

On Tuesday of last week, Father David sadly had a serious fall at home and was admitted to hospital. Please remember him in your prayers.

## THIS SUNDAY: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**St. Francis' Church will be the location for public masses on Saturday 22 August at 5.30pm, on Sunday 23 August at 8:00, 9:30am and 11:15 am.**

**THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC MASS THIS WEEK ON TUESDAY**

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

In the Collect for this Sunday we pray:

'Amid the uncertainties of this world, (may) our hearts be fixed on that place where true gladness is found'.

Over the last five months we have been made aware of the precarious nature of our life together in this world. Yet today's psalm reminds us that the love of God is eternal and he will never discard the work of his hands.

In the world of today there is a variety of opinions about our Lord and the life of his church, as in the 'vox pops' in today's Gospel reading. What brings 'true gladness?' Our personal witness is revealed in the way we respond to Jesus' question in our own way of living, as Peter was invited to do; 'Who do **you** say that I am?' **Who is he to us and, after answering that question, what are we then prepared to do about it?**

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!!**

## ALL OUR GOOD WISHES AND BLESSINGS FOR THE FUTURE

We pray for the young people from our parish who now have received the results of their public 'A' level, Vocational and GCSE, assessments. May Almighty God bless and guide them all as they take decisions regarding the future.

## BRIAN DUIGAN RIP

We offer our condolences and the assurance of our prayers, to Rob Duigan, to Wendy, Matthew and Katie. Rob's father, Brian Duigan died in Port Elizabeth, South Africa recently. The death of a loved one is always a sadness, which in this case is compounded by the difficulties in travelling. I hope that happier family times will be Rob's lasting memories, and that the sadness of the present will soon be eased. May he rest in peace.

## FROM THE 'LOVE KENILWORTH' ECO GROUP

If you know of anyone within your congregation who would like to join our organising group, it would be great to have the Catholic parish represented. Contact is

[nicola2@perryman.org.uk](mailto:nicola2@perryman.org.uk);

## 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 - FOODBANK COLLECTION:

The SVP were due to collect donations of non-perishable food and household products for the local food banks, in the car park of St. Francis church, on **Saturday, 22 August** between 11.00am and 1.00pm. In particular they need tinned meat, sponge puddings, crisps/snacks, deodorant, toothpaste, washing-up liquid, ketchup/brown sauce/mayonnaise. If you would like to donate, but have been unable to attend at the above time, please phone 01926 858436 to arrange collection. (Please note, at present they do NOT need baked beans, pasta, soup, rice, dog food or milk).

Our sincere thanks go to those who have already contributed.

## SEASON OF CREATION

The World Day of Prayer for Creation on 1<sup>st</sup> September falls at the beginning of the Season of Creation, which runs until 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

Pope Francis has established this to encourage the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. Because of climate change, people are already facing droughts, floods and storms. Climate change highlights the issues of injustice just as much as it destroys natural habitats and wildlife.

## EDUCATION SUNDAY 12 / 13 SEPTEMBER 2020

At the beginning of a new school year, **Education Sunday** will be celebrated in all parishes in England and Wales over 12 / 13 September. It is for us all, an important moment to pray for the work of our schools, and to express our support for the work of Catholic Education in our local parishes and across our Archdiocese.

## NEWS FROM 3H

Professor Archer has written to say: 'We received new residents, this time from Poland. We have a lady (aged 25) and her two children: one rising 4 and another coming up to 5.' She also writes that Yetunde, a previous resident, is starting an Open University course. Congratulations to her.

## 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.

## 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 as soon as possible, please.

## 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.

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