



### **THIS SUNDAY: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**St. Francis' Church will be the location for public masses on Saturday 12 September at 5.30pm, on Sunday 13 September at 8:00, 9:30am and 11:15 am. There will be also be a public mass this week on Tuesday 15 September at 10.00am.**

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

On this Education Sunday, the readings invite us to consider how we live our life together.

The metaphysical poet, John Donne, spoke of no one being an island, we belong to each other.

'The life and death of each of us has its influence on others' says St Paul, in a lection which is often used at a funeral. The way we treat each other should reflect the psalmists understanding of the Lord who 'is compassion and love'.

The powerful parable in the gospel is testimony to the fact that sometimes we do not behave in a way which enables this compassion to be experienced by others.

Forgiveness from the heart must follow from our own realisation that we have been forgiven. Our Lord's teaching calls to mind what we hear from the time before he came:

'If someone nurses anger against another, can they then demand compassion from the Lord?' 'Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

### **THIS SUNDAY IS EDUCATION SUNDAY**

At the beginning of a new school year, **this Sunday, Education Sunday** is celebrated in all parishes in England and Wales. 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 local parishes and across our Archdiocese. We remember too, all the places of education and learning attended by the young people of our parish.

### **SECOND 'COLLECTIONS'**

You will all be very aware that second collections are part of the stuff of Catholic parish life. These have not been possible over the last six months.

The Archbishop has now asked that **they all should be taken**. This means that there will be a separate collecting receptacle near the door each week for the particular collection.

### **THIS SUNDAY IS FOR THE – CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE**

#### **WELCOME**

We welcome into the life of the Catholic Church, **FINLEY ADAM PITTAWAY** who was baptised last Sunday at St Francis' Church. We pray for him, for his parents, family and Godparents.

#### **FATHER DAVID BAZEN**

I called in to see Father David and to take him the Blessed Sacrament last Wednesday. His face is far less bruised than it was, and he is gaining mobility in his right hand and arm. Sadly he does feel in very low spirits from time to time. He is so very grateful for all the various expressions of kindness and prayer, and for the presents he has received. Please continue to pray for him.

### **SCHOOLS**

I am delighted to say that with the beginning of the new school year, and mindful of the necessary regulations, the celebration of Mass in the two Catholic schools in our parish, has begun. It has been wonderful to return to this 'new normal', as the last whole-school Masses were on Ash Wednesday! I am grateful to the Head teachers and the staff collaborating with them for making this happy return possible, thank you.

In these strange circumstances, please continue to pray for St Augustine's and Crackley Hall Schools, the Trinity Catholic School and Princethorpe College, at the beginning of a new school year. We ask God to bless our head-teachers, staff and pupils.

### **NEXT SUNDAY IS 'HOME MISSION SUNDAY'**

Often when we hear the word 'Mission' it is associated with the valuable work of sharing our faith and helping people in other countries. Whilst this is always important, the Home Mission Office of the Bishops' Conference helps Catholics to share their faith with those they love, know and meet on 'home turf'.

### **ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

Later this month two transitional Deacons will be ordained by the Archbishop at St Chad's Cathedral. You are invited to take part by watching on-line via the Cathedral web-site. Next Sunday will see Sean Gough and Benedict Skipper ordained on Sunday 20 September at 3.00 pm.

The Ordination to the Episcopate of Canons David Evans and Stephen Wright will take place in October. Please remember them all in your prayers.

### **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)

### **SEASON OF CREATION**

The Season of Creation, 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.

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ALSO CONFIRMATION FOR THOSE NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

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 DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING TIMES, FATHER KEVIN**