

THIS SUNDAY: THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

St. Francis' Church will be the location for public masses on Saturday 31 October at 5.30pm, on Sunday 1 November at 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am.

There will be also be a public mass this week on Tuesday 3 November at 10.00am and Thursday 5 November at 7.30pm.

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

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of all the Saints, those known and unknown, who are now in heaven. The Church reminds us that through the grace of God, sanctity is within everyone's reach. We belong to each other in the Communion of Saints.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

As usual, there will be a box at the altar at St Francis' Church for you to include names to be remembered at a weekly Mass during the month of the Holy Souls.

BLESSING OF GRAVES – 2020

I have consulted Warwick District Council about gathering at Oaks Road Cemetery. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic there will be no public ceremony of blessing of graves this year. To reduce disappointment – Fr David and I will, at the all the Masses in the first weekend of November, (**Saturday 31 October and Sunday 1 November**) bless water, so that people may go privately and bless their loved one's graves. They will also provide some prayers for you to use at the graveside. If you want to do this, then ensure **you bring a bottle of water with you** to the Mass you attend that weekend, and before the final blessing and dismissal of Mass, the celebrant will bless your water bottles 'en masse'. **Please note they will not be able to supply bottles of water.**

ALL SOULS' DAY

Monday, 2 November, is the Commemoration of All Souls.

Requiem Mass for the departed will be celebrated at **10.00am at St Francis' Church.**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The **11.15am Sunday mass on 8 November, Remembrance Sunday**, will be a Requiem Mass for all who have lost their lives, whether military or civilians during times of war.

KATHLEEN HERMOLLE RIP

Kathleen's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Francis' Church on **Wednesday, 4 November at 1.00 pm**. Only thirty invited mourners will be permitted to attend.

EILEEN CREAN RIP

Eileen's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Francis' Church on **Wednesday, 11 November at 11.00 am**. Only thirty invited mourners will be permitted to attend.

THANK YOU

I am so grateful to those who marked my birthday recently by sending good wishes, cards, and gifts. It is so very kind of you and I deeply appreciate the sentiments expressed by those who did so. May our Lord richly bless you for your kindnesses.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT for BABIES in the SUDAN (SVP)

Instead of buying a gift for someone who has everything why not make a donation in their name that feeds a hungry baby in Sudan? More details will be available soon.

'SECOND' COLLECTIONS

There is a separate collecting receptacle near the door each week for donations.

THIS SUNDAY: CLERGY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION

On Good Shepherd or Vocations Sunday, we were unable to have the annual collection for the formation of Priests and Deacons. **There will be the annual collection this year over Sunday 31 October / 1 November.**

NO 'SECOND' COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

FROM COUNCILLOR RICHARD DIXON

St Francis' Church kitchen was one of the venues at which meals have been cooked for Molly's Meals on behalf of the COVID group. I understand that this has now been transferred to local pubs in the town on a rota basis and also to St John's Church but, as a Trustee of the charity, I want to thank everyone at St Francis' for their help in allowing the group to use your kitchen. Although Molly's Meals provided more than loaves and fishes, your assistance was much appreciated and a fine example of Christian faith in action. Please pass our thanks to everyone involved.

GIFT AID

Many thanks to parishioners whose offerings to the parish are made through the gift aid scheme. I'm delighted to say that through your participation in the scheme the parish has recently received a total refund of **£17,104** from HMRC in respect of the 2019/20 tax year. I am grateful to T. Stokes for all the work in preparing the documents for the Archdiocese, and to J. McDonnell in dealing with the information on our bank statements. If any parishioners wish to join the scheme please contact T. Stokes on 857866 or Father Kevin. Do remember that if you join the gift aid scheme, the value of your offerings to the parish increase by 25% **at no additional personal cost** as a result of the tax you pay.

WINTER MASSES

Over the winter period, and from this weekend, the fire doors will be shut during mass. The main door and windows will remain open. We have the option of providing up to four seats within the narthex at each mass for those who would feel more reassured by sitting closer to an open door. If you would prefer to sit in the narthex, could you please email communication@catholic-kenilworth.org stating which mass (es) you would like to reserve a seat, or let a steward know?

Comment has also been received regarding evening masses and poor lighting as you leave through the car park fire door. Hence, going forward, after the Saturday and Thursday evening masses, the car park side half of the church will now leave through the narthex/main door, via the current one-way system.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES ETC.

These envelopes and other donations may be posted at any time 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