



**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT AT THE MOMENT CHURCHES AND CHAPELS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE ARE CLOSED FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP**  
**OPENING TIMES FOR CONFESSIONS AND PRIVATE PRAYER**  
**ARE GIVEN BELOW**

St Francis' Church is now open **on Saturday from 4.30pm – 5.30pm for Confessions and Private Prayer, on Sunday for Private Prayer from 10.45 am until 11.30am, and on Tuesday from 10.45am- 11.30am for Private Prayer.**

St Augustine's Church **remains closed**

Sacrament of Reconciliation: **Confessions on Sat 4.45 – 5.15pm and by appointment**  
**Please remember to wear a face covering when in church, thank you.**

**NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

As usual, there will be a weekly Mass during the month of the Holy Souls, at which names in the box at the altar, together with all departed parishioners will be remembered. Please put through the Presbytery letter-box any names to be included.

**NEXT SUNDAY: SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING**

**Sunday 22 November is the Solemnity of Christ the King and Youth Sunday.**

It is the time for us to highlight the importance of young people in the Church in many various ways: in the liturgy, in youth ministry, at school and in our own prayers.

If you want to know more about the work of Birmingham Catholic Youth Service, then visit [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/bcys.html](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/bcys.html)

Please find below a video link for an interactive video for families to watch and pray together at home from the National Youth Sunday website

<https://youtu.be/FlonXWKmnRA>

**A TIME OF PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC**

On **Saturday 21 November**, the Eve of Christ the King, we are encouraged by Cardinal Nichols to set aside a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, especially for help in the global COVID crisis. The church will be open in the afternoon, as usual.

**WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS**

I know many of you love having the “Walk with Me” booklets for Advent. These are now available at the exit doors in church. Please help yourselves and **do not touch other copies**. I know some of you send them on to family and friends. **There is no charge for these booklets**. I have given the calendars to school this year.

**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 of 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 857 866 or Father Kevin. Do remember that if you join the gift aid scheme, the value of your offerings to the parish increases by 25% **at no additional personal cost**, as a result of the tax you pay.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES ETC. DURING THE PRESENT LOCK-DOWN**

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.

**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? SVP centres are struggling to feed 12,000 destitute children a day, and since January, prices of food and medicines have been multiplied by 3 to 4! Nothing is deducted for expenses, all your money will be sent to the SVP in Sudan or South Sudan.

Please refer to the Parish website [catholic-kenilworth.org](http://catholic-kenilworth.org) for full details of this work and how you could help. This includes a gift-aid form if needed. A certificate to send to your relative or friend can be mailed to you with your receipt. Cash or cheques made payable to “SVP Kenilworth” may be posted to M.I Jones (address on website) or 'phone 01926 512 318.

**FROM 5 NOVEMBER UNTIL 2 DECEMBER**

Once again we are asked for the sake of the health of the country to restrict our movements. Part of that restriction is that public worship is not permitted. Live-streaming of Masses from our Cathedral and other churches, local and further afield, will be possible. **St Francis' Church will be open as above on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday for private prayer.** Father David and I are unable to say Mass in school or to take the Blessed Sacrament into homes or residences. We will offer Mass each day for the intentions shown in the Bulletin. Sadly it will not be possible always to match up intentions to dates previously requested. Obviously **in extremis** I would be prepared to visit **anyone** at any time with the last sacraments. If that situation arises, then please contact me immediately. At the moment Father David and I are hoping to offer **four or five** Christmas Masses, if the situation permits.

There will, for the first time since I arrived here, be **no Midnight Mass** this year.

If you are aware of parishioners who are alone or in need, please do try to contact them by telephone, or if they are near neighbours, perhaps have a socially-distanced chat. I hope that parish groups will be contacting members to ascertain need.

Please let me know if the clergy can be of assistance here. Let us pray for each other.

**PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC** - Pope Francis Good Friday 2020

Almighty ever-living God, only support of our human weakness, look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children who suffer because of this pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to those who care for them, welcome into your peace those who have died and, throughout this time of tribulation, grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FROM ARCHBISHOP BERNARD:**

“I want to thank you and your parish stewards... for all that you and they have done to make and keep our churches safe for parishioner to come together in worship and prayer. Please pass on my appreciation to all those involved. Let's pray that Advent may bring more hopeful news. In the meantime, my thanks (go) to all our parishes reaching out to those most in need, through food banks and befriending. Please take very good care in the weeks ahead”

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