

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.
FROM 5 NOVEMBER UNTIL 2 DECEMBER

Public worship is not permitted.

St Francis' Church will be open as above on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday for private prayer.

We will offer Mass each day for the intentions shown in the Bulletin

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**.

Christmas arrangements are being discussed by the Parish Pastoral Council.

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.

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.

THIS 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 <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>

MUSIC GROUP AT THE 9.30AM MASS

On this Sunday we congratulate the Music Group, as they celebrate forty years of making music at Mass in our parish. We thank all those members over the years, children and adults, who have beautified our worship in this way. I am sorry that we are not able to have a public recognition at Mass. Be assured of our gratitude to all, past and present.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On this day begins the new year of worship and prayer in the Catholic Church. **The Sunday readings will be from Year B, the year of St Mark.**

The weekday cycle in Ordinary Time will be from year one.

GREETINGS AT CHRISTMAS TO PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

In the current times, it seems unlikely that we will be able collectively to meet after Mass for the opportunity to send a Christmas greeting to Prisoners of Conscience. The list of those included in the Christmas 2020 campaign is available on the ACAT website <http://www.acatuk.org.uk> under the news dropdown. If you feel able to send a greeting, there is clear guidance as to the format requested within the given background information.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Members will be holding a meeting via Zoom on **Monday 23 November at 7:30 pm**. If there are any matters you would like to raise please email communication@catholic-kenilworth.org or let Father Kevin or Father David know.

FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

At 7pm on **Wednesday 2 December**, Peter Rand, who has visited the Holy Land on over 20 occasions and is in regular contact with the FHL Bethlehem Office and other partners, would like to share with you the reality of life with COVID for our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, as we approach Christmas. This will be via a zoom meeting. Please email Peter at peter.rand@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk and he will send you the link to access the meeting.

Then at 10am on **Saturday 5 December**, FHL are organising a live cookery demonstration by zoom of a traditional Palestinian Christmas meal, by the ladies at St. Martha's House, a Day Care Centre supported by FHL, in Bethlehem. Again, please email Peter who will send you the link.

All parishioners are invited to participate in these two events - there is no charge.
SVP FOODBANK AND PARISH GIVING TREE COLLECTIONS:

On **Saturday, 5 December between 11.00am and 1.00pm**, we will be in the car park at St. Francis Church, to collect for local food banks and for the parish Giving Tree collection for the parish sick and local charities. The Foodbank needs tinned foods and items including toilet rolls, sugar, mashed potato, instant noodles, chocolates, long-life fruit juice, jam, sponge puddings, toiletries, brown sauce, ketchup, savoury snacks. (They do NOT require baked beans, pasta, Christmas puddings, teabags, soup). The Giving Tree requires toiletry sets (20 ladies and 20 men's), tinned fish and meat, chocolate biscuits, coffee, sweets, chocolate selection boxes.

Please refer to the Parish Website for a complete list of items required. If you would like to donate, but are unable to attend on 5 Dec., call S. McMahon on 01926 858436.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT for BABIES in the SUDAN (SVP) URGENT

Thanks go to those who have sent cheques for the Sudan Babies. Please will any more wishing to help reply this week, as their need is very great.

Please click [here](#) for full details of this work and how you could help.

Cash or cheques payable to "SVP Kenilworth" may be posted to M. Jones (address on website) or 'phone 01926 512 318.

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALL , FATHER KEVIN.