

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 3 DECEMBER

THE NEXT PUBLIC MASS WILL BE ON
SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER AT 5.30PM

From 3 December, we will return to the pattern of private and public worship which we had developed before the 5 November 'lock down'.

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON FAITH ENGAGEMENT

Individual Catholics have been asked to respond to the following open consultation on the way Government engages with faith communities. The link to the online submission is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence>

This call for evidence aims to collect views to underpin a Faith Engagement Review. This call for evidence opened on 13 November and will run for a period of 4 weeks closing at 11:45pm on 11 December 2020. You may wish to respond to this consultation.

THIS SUNDAY

We begin the **New Year of God's grace** in the life and liturgy of the Church with the beginning of Advent. The season of Advent reminds us of our need to prepare spiritually for Christmas as we recall Christ's first coming at Bethlehem. We are also directed in mind and heart to await Christ when he calls us home to him or when he comes to us in glory. **The Advent Crown** reminds us of our preparation to welcome Christ the Light of the world - Happy New Year, everyone.

The Sunday readings will be from Year B, the year of St Mark.

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

'Walk with Me' booklets are available. Please take as many as you would like.

There will be a collection to defray costs in 2021. I have given the calendars to school this year. **'The Sower' Advent Diocesan Magazines are also available at no cost!**

CHURCHES TOGETHER ADVENT TAIZÉ SERVICE

This will be live streamed on Zoom and YouTube on Sunday evening (29 November) at 6.30pm.

To connect via Zoom, use the link www.tiny.cc/ctkdservice or alternatively Meeting ID: **875 0934 2483** Pass code: **898229**

To connect via YouTube, use the link www.tiny.cc/lwyoutube

Order of Service may be available to download from the www.lovekenilworth.org.uk website on or before Saturday.

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.

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, collecting 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. Thanks to pupils at St. Augustine's and Crackley Hall Schools who have helped towards this collection. **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 5th Dec. please phone S. McMahon on 858 436.

YOUR PRIESTS AND CHRISTMAS

Soon we will celebrate the birthday of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. May we both crave your kindness and indulgence in asking you **not to mark that celebration with personal gifts to us?** The Christmas Offering, given to Father David and to me is a sign of generosity and financial support. In these difficult times, that donation would this year be greatly appreciated.

Please don't feel that you **must** send us a Christmas card, thank you.

LITTLE CRACKERS NURSERY

The nursery has launched 'Stay n Play' at home. Every fortnight we release a short video featuring stories, crafts and songs for children and their families. Anyone interested in viewing the content can contact J. Vaughan on 01926 514 410.

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALL, FATHER KEVIN.