

Weekday Private Mass Times and Intentions
St Francis St Augustine

Mon 10.00am Joanna Bazen (Sheila MacMahon)
2.00 pm **Mass for school only at Crackley Hall School**
Tue **10.00am** Alison Rand (Brid and Richard Reeves)
(Public Mass)
Wed 10.00am Welfare of CWL Members and their families (Kenilworth CWL)
Thu **7.30pm** Ron Williams (Brid and Richard Reeves)
(Public Mass)
Fri 9.30am **Mass for school only at St Augustine's School** - Nora Parkin (Parish)
Sat 10.00 am People of the Parish

N.B. "The obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation is removed until further notice" – Archbishop

Feast days this week:

Monday 14 December St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday 17 December The Great Days of preparation for Christmas beginning with
'O Sapientia' / 'O Wisdom' Antiphon

Collections recently:

6 December: £889-37 Standing Orders: £500 approx weekly
'Poor Parishes' Collection £474-90

Thank you all **very much** for your continued kindness and generosity.

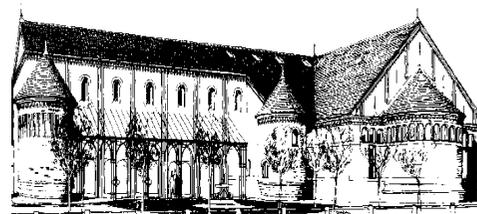
This Parish is part of the RC Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No.234216

Please pray for those who are sick:

Those who have died recently:

The Catholic Parish of Kenilworth

Served by the Churches of St Francis & St Augustine
Parish Priest: **Father Kevin Hooper**
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Tel. 01926 **855224**
In residence: **Father David Bazen** – Tel. 01926 **857543**



Parish School: St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Hollis Lane, Kenilworth.
CV8 2JY Tel **01926 852943** Head teacher: **Mrs Lesley Ritchie**
Parish Safeguarding Officer: **J Barr 01926511300**
Parish Centre Bookings: **L Taylor-Hoff Telephone 07533806530**

<http://www.catholic-kenilworth.org>

Notices for week commencing

Sunday 13 December 2020

The Third Sunday of Advent 'Gaudete' Year B

Psalter: Week 3

This Sunday: Public Mass Times and Intentions

St Francis St Augustine

Sat **5.30pm** Eric Barker (Lidia Pawlowska)
Sun 8.00am Alison Rand (Sylvia Clifford and family)
9.30am Dan O'Connor (15th Anniv) (Margaret Molloy and family)
11.15am People of the Parish

Next Sunday – Public Mass

St Francis St Augustine

Sat **5.30pm** Wieslawa Zurawska (Anniv) (Jan)
Sun 8.00am Jim and Della Bowen (Anniv's) (Georgie Larsen- Archer)
9.30am Maria Adams (Anniv) (Teresa, Chris and family)
11.15am Bernard Canneaux (Anniv) (Felicity Chapman and family)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

St Francis' Church is now again open **on Saturday from 4.30pm for Confessions and Mass, on Sunday for the Masses only, on Tuesday for 10.00am Mass, and on Thursday for 7.30pm Mass only,**

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.

THIS SUNDAY IS ADVENT III: 'GAUDETE' SUNDAY

The rose-coloured vestments today encourage us to have lightness of mood and to Rejoice! (Gaudete) as the Lord's coming draws near.

The Advent Crown reminds us to prepare to welcome Christ, the Light of the world.

'Walk with Me' booklets are available and calendars. Please take as many as you would like. There will be a collection to defray costs in 2021.

'The Sower' Advent Diocesan Magazines are also available at no cost!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There will be a **retiring** collection after all Masses this **Sunday**, for the decoration of St Francis' Church over the Christmas Festival.

SEA SUNDAY IS SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER - TRANSFERRED FROM JULY

Although in Kenilworth we are as far from the sea as it is possible to be in this country; each year we are reminded of our dependence on the sea and sea transport, for so much (about 95%) that we enjoy in our daily lives. We are also encouraged to support the Apostleship of the Sea in its outreach to seafarers.

There will be a collection at all masses next Sunday; please be generous.

URGENT - ARRANGEMENT FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

It will be possible to book seats for the Christmas Masses via Eventbrite from this Sunday evening. An email will be sent after 8 pm, to everyone who receives the digital copy of the weekly bulletin, providing links to book for any of the 5 masses.

Bookings will be for a seating space size rather than for a specific seat location. **For those who would like to attend one of the Christmas masses but are unable to book on-line, please notify a steward at the end of mass this weekend.** For those who are able, but do not receive parish emails, please send an email to communication@catholic-kenilworth.org by 6pm this Sunday to be included in the distribution list. Further details will be provided in the notices at masses this Sunday.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please take home with you with our love, a gold coloured Christmas folder, which acts as a **personal Christmas card** from the priests in the parish, with the details of all Services and Masses for Christmastide.

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

Crib donations this year will be again sent to **LET THE CHILDREN LIVE!** This is to assist Father Peter Walters in his work with the street children of Colombia.

CAROLS IN THE CLOUD

Our Catholic parish is represented in this year's Lions' Annual Carol Concert, to be held online – tickets are free but donations to Kenilworth Lions would be appreciated. Please go to Carols in the Clouds 2020 - Kenilworth Lions Club to book free tickets.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT for BABIES in the SUDAN (SVP)

On behalf of those being helped in Sudan, the SVP sends many thanks to those who contributed. The total reached is now £1,600

MISSIO 'RED BOX' COLLECTION

If you are able, please could you bring your Missio Boxes into church for collection? Kindly leave them at the stewards' table. Many thanks Jonathan Shipton 07476405215

2021 DIRECTORY

The 2021 Diocesan Directory is available at **only £4.00 each** – an excellent source of information about the Archdiocese.

Please contact the Stewards or Father Kevin to purchase a copy.

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.

SVP FOODBANK AND PARISH GIVING TREE COLLECTIONS:

The recent collections for the local food banks and for the parish giving tree were very well supported. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all parishioners who donated so generously – your food items and gifts will help to bring a smile to many faces this Christmas. THANK YOU.

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. Envelopes for that purpose are available.

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

TO CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS

You can arrange for your Catholic newspaper to be delivered directly to your home every week, post free. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange this for you.

SPECIAL OFFER 3 Months: - £22.00 or 12 Months: - £80.00

**MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALL AS CHRISTMAS DRAWS NEAR,
FATHER KEVIN.**