

Weekday Mass Times and Intentions
St Francis

Mon 10.00am People of the Parish
Tue **PUBLIC MASS**
10.00am Gerald Beaumont (19th Anniv) (Margaret and her family)
Wed **SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY – ‘The twelfth day of Christmas’**
9.30am School Mass, for school only, at St Augustine’s School
PUBLIC MASSES
12noon Wellbeing of Gerald Deeley (Joan Morgan)
7.30pm People of the Parish
Thu **PUBLIC MASS**
7.30pm Wellbeing of Gillian Brewer (Ann and Robert Norton)
Fri 10.00am Dennis Menezes RIP and comfort for his family (Father Kevin)
Sat 10.00am Intentions of Anne Farrell (Ellen Head)

St Augustine’s Church is at present closed

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 4.45 – 5.15pm or by private appointment

Feast days this week:

Wednesday 6 January Solemnity of the Epiphany

Collections recently:

27 December: £962-17 Standing Orders: £500 approx.

Please see note overleaf regarding the Parish Priest’s Christmas Offering

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

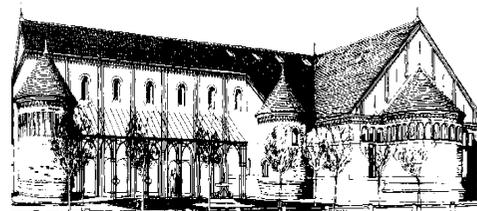
This Parish is part of the RC Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No.234216

Please pray for those who are sick:

Those who have died recently:

The Catholic Parish of Kenilworth

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Notices for week commencing
Sunday 3 January 2021
Second Sunday after the Nativity
Psalter: Week 2 ‘Year of St Joseph’

Sunday Public Mass Times and Intentions

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Sat **5.30pm** Josef and Czeslawa Adamczyk (Anniv’s) (Elizabeth Hughes
Sun 8.00am Pauline Sage (Austin and family) and family)
9.30am In Thanksgiving (Joan and Pat Ryan)
11.15am Health of Michael Jones (Susan and family)

Next Sunday at St Francis

Sat **5.30pm** Terence Widnall (First Anniv) (Diana, Mark and the family)
Sun 8.00am Jackie Treanor (11th Anniv) (Dennis and family)
9.30am People of the Parish
11.15am Deceased Members of the McClair family (Ethel and John Ryan)

THIS SUNDAY: THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

The Christmas season continues: like Easter, Christmas is not confined to a single day but has an octave and then a season in which we continue celebrating God's love and mercy. The human birth we celebrate in this season is God's gift to us eternally.

CHRISTMAS 2020

Once again, I wish to say, 'thank you' to all who have worked so hard over the Advent and Christmas periods.

I am grateful to Gail Buswell for cleaning our Church and the seven ladies who have decorated it so beautifully with flowers. We have had a new Christmas tree donated and decorated, and the crib has been placed in the sanctuary. Thank you to the donors and decorators.

The masses were, in the circumstances, well-attended and devotional. I wish to thank our parish musicians, altar servers, Stewards, and all who read at Mass and organised and helped in any way. Special appreciation goes to all those, and you know who you are, who worked 'behind the scenes'. In particular this year I wish to thank our PPC Chairman, Robert Hodges, the Council Members, our Health and Safety Officer, Simon Hill, and the Stewards who have worked with them, for enabling us to pray and worship together. I am also very grateful to Joseph and Jane McDonnell, to Tony Stokes and the Finance Committee for keeping our financial wheels turning.

THANKS TO YOU ALL...

As well as the note of thanks above, thanks are also expressed to the organisers of the 'Giving Tree' / SVP appeal, and to you all for the support you have all given to this annual initiative.

I am grateful to St Augustine's and Crackley Hall schools for all they have done for Food banks and other needy causes for Christmas.

Furthermore, I wish to express my own thanks for the kindness and great generosity shown in the Christmas offering and in the personal cards and gifts I have received. Despite the request for no presents, I am very touched by all your support and goodness.

Father David, who was well enough to join us for Mass, joins me in thanking all parishioners who also showed him such kindness at Christmas.

WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We celebrate the Holy Day of the **Epiphany of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ**.

As we see the Magi or Wise Men at the manger we are reminded that people of every race and nation may find their true home and destiny in the presence of the Lord.

Please pray for greater harmony and understanding throughout the world, for better race relations and above all, for peace. **Mass will be at 12 noon and 7.30pm.**

The **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**, on **Sunday, 10 January**, will bring the season of Christmas to its conclusion that evening – **the last Sunday for Crib Collection.**

PAX CHRISTI

There will be a collection **Sunday 17 January**, which is kept as Peace Sunday.

THE NEWS ABOUT THE PANDEMIC

Apart from the good news about vaccines, news is not very encouraging, as we are now in tier four. In time, things may change, of course, but please continue to take great care in public and in church. Remember that there is currently **no obligation to be at Mass** and each of us must consider the potential risk to ourselves and to others, of our attendance. **Emergency pastoral care** remains available, but the usual regular distribution of Communion at home remains difficult at the moment. It is also usually not possible for me to visit in our hospitals. I am aware that this is painful for all of us.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS YEAR

Ash Wednesday	17 February (Lent begins)
Palm Sunday	28 March (Holy Week begins)
Easter Day	4 April
Ascension Day	13 May (now restored to Thursday)
Pentecost	23 May
Corpus et Sanguis Christi	6 June (still observed on Sunday)

May Our Lord richly bless our liturgical life together during 2021.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

We shall begin the octave of prayer for the unity of all Christian people on **18 January**.

The prayer of Jesus: - "Father that they may be one, as we are one" must be in our hearts and minds as we pray for all our baptised brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.

MISSIO 'RED BOX' COLLECTION

About £550 has been raised this year, thank you all. Please wait until another request comes in 2021. Many thanks go to Jonathan Shipton for all his hard work for Missio.

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.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE CHARITY COLLECTION

I believe that the collection in 2021 will take place at all masses **over 6 / 7 February**. I commend this collection to you all for such an important work locally based, and working nationally.

DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

The date given to us by the Archdiocese for 2021 is Sunday, 21 February.

This will be observed this year at **St Francis' Church**.

Please book the date and later on sign up for a period of personal prayer.

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALL THROUGHOUT 2021, AND MAY IT BE HAPPIER AND HEALTHIER FOR US ALL, FATHER KEVIN.