

Weekday Mass Times and Intentions
St Francis

Mon 10.00am Intentions of Christina Ives
Tue **PUBLIC MASS**
 10.00am Sister Marie Therese Carrick (Anniv) (Mike and family)
Wed **PUBLIC MASS**
 10.00am Catholic Faith and Life in Ireland
Thu **7.00pm Public Stations of the Cross**
 PUBLIC MASS
 7.30pm Wellbeing of Father David Bazen (CWL Members)
Fri **PUBLIC MASS**
 10.00am For the life of Crackley Hall School (Formerly called St Joseph's)
Sat 10.00am For the life of St Augustine's School

St Augustine's Church is at present closed

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

Feast days this week:

Wed 17 March **Feast of St Patrick, Bishop and Apostle of Ireland**
Fri 19 March **Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of Our Blessed Lady and
Patron of Craftsmen, Fathers and the Universal Church,
in this 'Year of St Joseph'**

Collections recently:

7 March 2021: **£646-83** Standing Orders: **£500 approx.**
Cathedral Maintenance Collection **£269-44**
Thank you 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

Served by the Churches of St Francis & St Augustine
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In residence: **Father David Bazen** Tel. 01926 **857543**



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CV8 2JY Tel **01926 852943** Head teacher: **Mrs Lesley Ritchie**
Parish Safeguarding Officer: **J. Barr 01926 511300**
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Notices for week commencing

Sunday 14 March 2021

The Fourth Sunday in Lent 'Laetare' - Year B
'Year of St Joseph' Psalter: Week 4

Sunday Public Mass Times and Intentions

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Sat **5.30pm** Sidney Hartshorn (10th Anniv) (Teresa and family)
Sun 8.00am Int's of Sandy and John Rice and family
9.30am People of the Parish
11.15am Mary Bowes (Anniv) (Felicity Chapman)

Next Sunday at St Francis

Sat **5.30pm** Joanna Bazen (Meaton and Buswell families)
Sun 8.00am Bill and Zena Grindlay (Anniv's) (Lynne, Graham and family)
9.30am People of the Parish
11.15am Teresa and Joseph Gleeson (Anniv's) (A and M Roberts and family)

THIS SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (LAETARE OR MID-LENT)

We keep **Mothering Sunday** when we congratulate all Mothers and Grandmothers who are at Mass and thank God for the part played by **all the ladies of our parish**. We thank God for our own Mothers, living or departed; for our Holy Mother Church and for the spiritual motherhood of Our Lady.

In the middle of Lent flowers and rose vestments encourage us to rejoice, 'Laetare', as Our Lord's glorious Passion and Resurrection are approaching.

A collection, which should have been taken last year, on the first Sunday of lockdown, will be taken on Mothering Sunday this year, for our local Food bank.

On this Sunday we will be receiving a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop.

Public Masses this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (see over)

NEXT SUNDAY

We shall begin the solemn period of Lent, **Passiontide**, which brings us closer to the events of our Lord's saving passion and death, with the veiled appearance of our churches reflecting the solemnity of this holy season.

There will be a collection to assist in providing the floral decorations for Easter.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OLJC

This celebration, marking the willingness of Our Lady to accept the will of the Father through the message of the Archangel Gabriel, will be kept on Thursday 25 March. **Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 pm**, which will be nine months until Christmas!!

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

This annual collection will be taken as usual after the Good Friday Liturgy.

SVP FOODBANK COLLECTION

Members of SVP wish to say thank-you to all parishioners who responded so generously to the recent food collection for local Food banks. It was a magnificent response. At this difficult time, the much-needed produce has been most gratefully received by the Food banks, and our sincere thanks go to everyone who contributed.

JUST A REMINDER: LENT 2021

Lent gives us the opportunity not only to think of self-denial but also of renewing and refreshing our spiritual lives by doing something new or taking up again something from which we may have lapsed. Let us pray for the grace to keep a good Lent.

Prayer, fasting and concern for others are spiritual keynotes in Lent.

- What about coming to **an extra Mass? Celebrating Reconciliation?**
- **Stations of the Cross Thursday 7pm at St Francis' Church**

EASTER GREETINGS TO PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

There is the opportunity to send an Easter greeting to Prisoners of Conscience. The list of those included in the Easter 2021 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 format requested within the background information.

GIFT AID SCHEME AND ENVELOPES

The Envelopes for the new tax year are available in church. As you look for your own box of envelopes, **please avoid touching any others.** **Ask a Steward for help, if necessary.** It is always good to welcome new contributors. If you would like to sign up for the Gift Aid Scheme by Standing Order or, if necessary using an envelope, please contact Tony Stokes (857866). Thanks go to Tony for all his hard work. Sincere gratitude is offered to all supporters for your kind generosity over last year.

Over the period remaining of the present pandemic, if you are not coming here to mass, please post your collection envelopes, or any other donations in support of the parish, through the inside letter box at the Priest's House, thank you.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Due to anticipated demand, we will be operating a booking system for:

Maundy Thursday: 7:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday: 3:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: 7:30 pm - Easter Vigil and the First Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:15 am Masses

Instead of using the Eventbrite booking system, we will be asking those who are able to send an email to communication@catholic-kenilworth.org stating their mass preferences and the seating space size required.

Depending on demand, it may not be possible to guarantee your usual seat location.

For those who are unable to send an email, please notify a steward at the end of mass with your preferences and contact details.

With this in mind, please give consideration to avoid blocking the exits.

As at Christmas, we will endeavour to arrange the seating spaces to maximise capacity. It is recommended that you confirm your preferences at the earliest opportunity to avoid disappointment!

I am certainly very well aware that many of you will still have personal difficulties about coming to Mass. In time, I hope that there will be a greater willingness to attend. You know that you will always be welcome in your spiritual home in the parish.

I cannot yet indicate, however, when St Augustine's Church will again be available for parish public worship.

PRAYER TO USE DURING THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary! To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us also, show yourself a father and guide us on the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil, Amen.

Please use this prayer especially on this coming Friday, St Joseph's Solemnity.

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALL AND KEEP SAFE, FATHER KEVIN.