

Weekday Mass Times and Intentions

St Francis

Mon 10.00am Health and wellbeing of parishioners (Kari Gordon)

Tue **PUBLIC MASS**

10.00am Tony Highton (Birthday Anniv) (Pam and family)

Wed 10.00am Jim Ball (Elizabeth and Bill Meaton)

Thu **7.00pm Public Stations of the Cross**

PUBLIC MASS

7.30pm Jim Ball (First Anniv) (Maureen and family)

Fri 10.00am Jim Ball (First Anniv) (Maureen and family)

Sat 10.00am Those who have lost their lives during the pandemic

St Augustine's Church is at present closed

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

Feast days this week:

Thu 25 March **Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Blessed Lady**

Collections recently:

14 March 2021: **£1228-00** Standing Orders: **£500 approx.**

Warwick District Food bank Collection **£405-59**

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

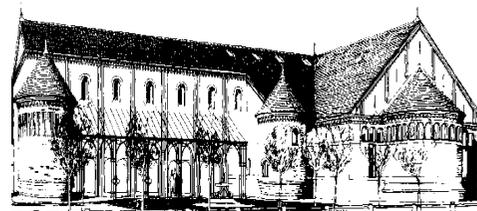
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Notices for week commencing

Sunday 21 March 2021

The Fifth Sunday in Lent 'Passion Sunday'

Year B 'Year of St Joseph' Psalter: Week 1

Sunday Public Mass Times and Intentions

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Sat **5.30pm** Joanna Bazen (Meaton and Buswell families)

Sun 8.00am William 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)

Next Sunday at St Francis

Sat **5.30pm** June Arran (Former Head at St Augustine's) (Sheila Freeman)

Sun 8.00am Joanna Bazen (Cathy McKay and family)

9.30am Int's of Elizabeth and Charles McTear (Joan and Pat Ryan)

11.15am People of the Parish

THIS 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.

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.

FROM THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

"We welcome the designation of Tuesday 23 March as a National Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown with a minute's silence at midday and doorstep vigils of light at 8pm. We ask you all to make this not only a Day of Reflection but also a Day of Prayer. In reflection we ponder on all that has taken place; in prayer we bring this to our Heavenly Father. For all who live by faith in God, reflection and prayer always go hand in hand. Prayer completes reflection. Reflection informs prayer. Prayer opens our life to its true horizon. Without prayer we live in a foreshortened world and are more easily swamped by its clamour and tragedy. Throughout this difficult year, so many have been inspired by prayer, so much effort sustained in prayer, in every place. So let us make 23 March truly a day of prayer."

Mass will be celebrated at 10.00 am, why not bring a friend (!) and then St Francis' Church will be open for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12.30 pm when Benediction will be given. Please come to church, to reflect and to pray.

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!!

NEXT SUNDAY – CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR – SUMMER TIME

We keep Palm Sunday and we begin Holy Week, the most solemn week of the Christian year. This year, it is wonderful to think, we are all able to keep Holy Week as a parish family, and especially the Sacred Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, celebrating the adapted Liturgies in these still challenging times.

Details of Holy Week Masses and liturgies are available on a special Easter letter. Easter Offering envelopes are also available.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

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

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 T. Stokes (857866) whose hard work is much appreciated.

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

We are operating a booking system for:

Maundy Thursday: 7:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Spaces becoming limited)
Good Friday: 3:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Spaces only available in narthex and side chapel)
Holy Saturday: 7:30 pm - Easter Vigil and the First Mass of Easter (Good availability)
Easter Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am Masses (Availability at present)

We ask those who are able to send an email to communication@catholic-kenilworth.org stating their mass preferences and the seating space size required.

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.

Depending on demand, it may not be possible to guarantee your usual seat location. Please make your booking as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

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.

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.

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