

Weekday Mass Times and Intentions  
St Francis

**ALL ARE PUBLIC MASSES**

Mon	<b>10.00am</b>	Harold Rogers (First Anniv) (Family)
Tue	<b>10.00am</b>	Teresa, Roy and Gavin Storr (Christina Ives and Mary Wheatley)
Wed	<b>10.00am</b>	Gerald Deeley (B'day Anniv) (Joan Morgan)
Thu	<b>10.00am</b>	Wellbeing of Jane McDonnell
Fri	<b>10.00am</b>	Alexander Chapman, James and Bea Gill (Anniv's) (Chapman)
Sat	<b>10.00am</b>	Father Michael Crumpton (Pact)

St Augustine's Church is at present closed

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45 – 5.15 pm (but not on Holy Saturday)**  
or by private appointment

**Feast days this week: The Easter Octave**

**Collections recently:**

28 March: **£755-90**      Standing Orders: **£500** approx.  
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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**<http://www.catholic-kenilworth.org>**

**Notices for week commencing**

**Sunday 4 April 2021**

**Easter Sunday and Octave Year B**

**'Year of St Joseph' Psalter: As in the Breviary**

Sunday Public Mass Times and Intentions

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**Sat**    **7.30pm**    The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter (No Mass at 5.30pm)  
For the People of the Parish

**Sun**    8.00am    Kathleen Hermolle (Sister Mary Cecily)  
9.30am    Mary Bowie (First Anniv) (The Jordan family)  
11.15am    Alison Cartmail (Jane and Joseph McDonnell and family)

Next Sunday

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**Sat**    **5.30pm**    Josef, Czeslawa and Jansuz Adamczyk (Anniv's) (Hughes)  
**Sun**    8.00am    Barbara Rand (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv) (Peter and family)  
9.30am    People of the Parish  
11.15am    Joanna Bazen (Veronica Cutler)

## **THIS SUNDAY**

**We rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.** After our disciplines of Lent and the solemnity of the Passion, we now celebrate the victory of our blessed Lord over sin and death. We witness the empty tomb and we give thanks that life is stronger than death, that love is stronger than hatred and that Jesus Christ is alive and with us for evermore!

### **HAVE A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER, EVERYONE.**

Thank you to those who have worked **so hard**, front of house or behind the scenes, for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. **It is greatly appreciated.**

I wish to thank our altar servers, musicians, cleaner, readers and Stewards for all they have done during Holy Week and the Triduum.

**Special thanks** for the beautiful floral decorations and our gratitude goes to those who have worked so hard to create them.

### **There are small Easter eggs to take home with our love.**

**Please note that there will be only ONE COLLECTION at the Easter Masses.**

**The Gift Aid and Planned-Giving *ordinary* envelopes will go to the parish.**

Those envelopes marked **Easter Offering** and all other monies will be an offering to your parish priest, who in advance, expresses his gratitude.

## **EASTER 2021 AND ITS OCTAVE**

The words I have written above are as true as they have ever been, but for us all, yet again this year, we are still in these difficult circumstances.

The Jewish Passover, so closely linked to our own Easter celebration, marks the last of that series of plagues visited upon the Egyptian people, when their Pharaoh was unwilling to release the children of Israel from slavery.

The rising of Jesus from the tomb is linked to that pivotal moment in the exodus story when the children of Egypt pass through the Red Sea and their persecutors are drowned. Similarly, we through the waters of Baptism are released from slavery to sin so that we may live the new life of God's grace.

That sense of our new life in Christ which is at the heart of the Easter message is tempered at present, by the fact that we still feel surrounded by an unseen pestilence, which has spread throughout the world. The closeness of death, and the news about the number who die may cause us anxiety, even fear, and none of us is protected from these feelings.

In the midst of all this we perceive the image of the light of Christ's rising; seen as the Paschal Candle is lit and the words are spoken, **'May the light of Christ, rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds'**.

During the Octave and the Easter season, why not light a special candle in your own home and allow that light, spiritually to inspire, gladden and warm you, and all those who share your life?

## **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, which begins on Tuesday, have either been taken or distributed to people's homes.** 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.**

## **ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL**

The Governors of St Augustine's Catholic Primary School would like to appoint additional midday supervisors to our team as soon as possible. The positions are term time only for 1hr 15min per day between 12-1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday. There is flexibility over days worked.

Please contact Mrs. Bramwell via email for an application form and any further information. [admin3541@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3541@welearn365.com)

## **SVP FOODBANK COLLECTION**

Members of the SVP will be holding their next collection for the local Food banks on **Saturday, 17 April between 11am and 1pm** in the car park of St. Francis Church. They require non-perishable food and household items, in particular tinned foods (fruit, meat, puddings, vegetables and potatoes), packets of mashed potato, hot chocolate, jam, marmalade, chocolate spread, peanut butter and instant noodles. If you would like to contribute, and are unable to attend at the above time, please phone 01926 858436 and arrangements can be made to pick up from your doorstep at a convenient time.

## **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.

## **MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALL DURING THESE STILL DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING DAYS, FATHER KEVIN**

I hope that you and your family will have some blessed times together in spite of the present challenges.