

Weekday Mass Times and Intentions

St Francis

Mon 10.00am Pam Heraty (Recently departed) (Father Kevin)
Tue **PUBLIC MASS**
10.00am Margaret and Kevin Hazelwood (Anniv's) (Maureen)
Wed 10.00am Intentions of the Marrinan family (Phil)
Thu **PUBLIC MASS**
7.30pm John Molloy (Third Anniv) (Margaret and family)
Fri 10.00am Sister Jacinta (Ann and Robert Norton)
Sat **PUBLIC MASS**
10.00am His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (Parish)

St Augustine's Church is at present closed

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

Feast days this week:

Collections recently:

Easter 4 April: £507- 00 Standing Orders: **£500 approx.**

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places £248 - 30

Thank you all very much for your kind generosity

See inside for an expression of gratitude for the Priests' Easter Offering

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 11 April 2021

**The Octave Day of Easter Year B 'Divine Mercy'
'Year of St Joseph' Psalter: Week 2**

Sunday Public Mass Times and Intentions

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

Next Sunday

Sat **5.30pm** Winifred Duffy (15th Anniv) (Frank and his family)
Sun 8.00am 90th Birthday Int's of Hugh Roddy (Peter and family)
9.30am People of the Parish
11.15am Princess Anne Olubumi Taylor (12th Anniv) (Anthony and family)

THANK YOU ALL

As we celebrate the Octave Day of Easter, I wish to thank everyone who contributed to the beauty and wonder of our Holy Week and Easter ceremonies – Stewards, servers, musicians, readers, floral artists, church cleaner, and all those “behind the scenes”.

You all did such a wonderful job on behalf of us all – thank you.

It was wonderful to see Fr David at the ceremonies. Please pray for his full recovery.

I would also wish to add a **personal note of thanks** for your generosity to Fr David and to me, through the Easter offering, and through your personal gifts and cards.

May God bless you all for your kindness, Father Kevin.

Attendance at the Masses of Easter was 410 people – what a wonderful number!

OUR SYMPATHY TO HER MAJESTY

We offer our deepest sympathy to Her Majesty the Queen and to the entire Royal Family following the death on Friday of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. May he, after a long, full and active life, rest in peace.

THE OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER

The Gospel reading for this Sunday reminds us about the life of the earliest Christian community. They were behind closed doors; anxious after the Lord’s death, and uncertain about the news of his resurrection. You might say, using that dreadful word which we have come to hear so regularly, that they were experiencing ‘lockdown’.

Into that situation comes Our Lord, risen from the dead, speaking words of peace and imparting, through the act of breathing on the disciples, the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that they may be his agents of forgiveness and reconciliation in the world.

There was a problem, however. Thomas, one of the Lord’s Apostles was not there; why, we do not know. Perhaps for him the fact of Jesus’ death on the cross meant that the game was up. He could see no way forward, and so had removed himself from the group of the disciples.

On the Octave Day of Easter, Jesus again comes to the disciples, into that locked room; and again imparts his peace. This time he reveals his divine mercy, and invites Thomas to ‘doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas responds, ‘My Lord and my God!’

At the time of one of Jesus’ healing miracles in the gospels, we hear from the man asking Jesus for help, the words, ‘Lord I have faith, help the little faith that I have’ or in another translation, ‘Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief’.

The difficult circumstances of our individual lives and also the challenges of this present time can disturb our own faith; may cause all sorts of questions to arise in our minds and hearts. There may be times when, like Thomas, we may wonder about what is happening. On those occasions may we hear the words of the risen Christ inviting us to discover that peace which is to be found in him, and to respond as Thomas, with Easter faith, ‘My Lord and my God’, happy to be those who’ have not seen, and yet believe.’

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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOORS GIFT AID SCHEME AND ENVELOPES

The Envelopes for the new tax year, which began last Tuesday, have either been taken or distributed to people’s homes.

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

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.

SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND

This celebration, in honour of England’s national Patron Saint, will be on **Friday, 23 April**. Through the kindness and generosity of time of our Stewards, there will be a **Public Mass on that day at 10.00 am** at St Francis’ Church. As we still face difficult times in our country, may we draw strength from the life and example of St George.

CAFOD (CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT)

Reclaim Our Common Home - CAFOD is just launching this new campaign ahead of the G7 summit in June and the UN Climate Conference in November. CAFOD is hoping we can arrange a meeting with our MP “to discuss how to rebuild from the pandemic in a way that tackles the major global issues of our time, including climate change and unjust foreign debts.” Is there anyone in this parish who might be interested in taking part together with supporters in Leamington and Southam?

Please contact B. Austin (Catholic Leamington) at b.austin@live.co.uk

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 DIFFICLT AND
CHALLENGING DAYS, FATHER KEVIN**