

Weekday Mass Times and Intentions
St Francis

Mon 10.00am Wellbeing of Father David Bazen (Ethel and John Ryan)
Tue **PUBLIC MASS**
10.00am Rachael Ward (Margaret and David Spillane)
Wed 10.00am Deceased friends of Kenilworth SVP Conference (Members)
Thu **PUBLIC MASS**
7.30pm Frank Allinson (3rd Anniv) (Stella and family)
Fri 10.00am Int's of recently ordained priests (Barbara and Colin Roberts)
Sat 10.00am Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (Month's Mind)

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:

Monday 3 May **Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles**

Tuesday 4 May **Feast of the English Martyrs**

Today is also the day of prayer for the victims and survivors of abuse

Collections recently:

25 April: £567-90 Standing Orders: **£500 approx.**

Clergy Training Fund Collection: £438-60

Thank you all very much for your kind 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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Notices for week commencing

Sunday 2 May 2021

The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B

'Year of St Joseph' Psalter: Week 1

Sunday Public Mass Times and Intentions

St Francis

Sat **5.30pm** Dr Margaret McGrath (Teresa Hartshorn and family)
Sun 8.00am Jane McKay (5th Anniv) (Cathy and family)
9.30am Pam Heraty (Father Kevin)
11.15am Princess Anne Olubumi Taylor (12th Anniv) (Anthony and family)

Next Sunday

Sat **5.30pm** Maureen Hunt (Teresa Hartshorn and family)
Sun 8.00am Jean Ashurst (First Anniv) (Peter and Shirley Whiting and family)
9.30am People of the Parish
11.15am Richard O'Connor (Anniv) (Margaret, Nora, Carmel and families)

CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE AT ST FRANCIS' CHURCH

This will begin at 6.30 pm on Sunday 9 May at St Francis' Church. I hope parishioners will feel able to attend, as all are welcome at this service. It is arranged by Churches Together in Kenilworth and the local Christian Aid Group. We shall be hosting people from other Christian communities in the town and district. This will be the first ecumenical service meeting in person for some time. I understand it will also be live-streamed.

PARISH MEETINGS (ON ZOOM)

The next Parish Finance Committee Meeting is on **Monday 10 May at 7.00pm.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

On **Tuesday, 11 May**, in St Francis Church at **7.00pm**, there will be Rosary, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in honour of the month of our Blessed Lady. This time of reflection and worship, requested by the CWL, is for all parishioners. The CWL looks forward to welcoming many Parishioners on this special evening.

ASCENSION DAY

On Thursday, 13 May we shall celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. Traditionally observed forty days after Easter, in our country this Solemnity of Our Lord has recently been **restored to its proper date.**

Our celebration reminds us of the conclusion of our Lord's earthly ministry and the hope of heaven which is given to us all.

I hope that Mass will be celebrated at **St Francis' Church at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm.**

FOLLOWED BY WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

At the time of the Ascension, our Lord sent his disciples out to communicate the gospel to the nations. As a result of that commission, **Sunday 16 May** will be kept as **World Communications Day.** We reflect on the many means through which Catholic Faith and life are transmitted throughout the world.

There will be a collection on this day to assist in the communication of our Catholic Faith.

GIFT AID SCHEME AND ENVELOPES

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.

FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Our 2021 Pentecost Challenge is launched, with a focus on helping Christian families keep their children in Christian schools. Please support our Appeal by visiting our website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost or sending a donation to FHL, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth CV8 2DH. You can register to join an 84 mile virtual pilgrimage between Bethlehem and Nazareth, using your daily exercise. How about obtaining sponsorship from friends or family or looking on the website for parishioners you know to support those already walking, running or cycling! For those with children/grandchildren at local schools, why not encourage them to set up a team! For more information, email office at office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or telephone 01926 512980. Thank you.

GOOD NEWS! - 'STAY AND PLAY' HAS REOPENED

Sessions are from 9.30 a.m. to 10.45am (new start time) at St Francis' Parish Centre. These sessions will be run on **Monday and Wednesday mornings.** Booking a place is required via email at staynplay@littlecrackers.co.uk or by calling 01926 514410.

CONDOLENCES

Maureen Hunt and Roy Titcomb have died recently. Maureen, the Mother of Lorraine Taylor-Hoff, was a regular worshipper at St Austin's, holding Father Collins in high esteem. Roy has been our parish organist since the retirement of the late Kathleen Hermolle. His life-long commitment to church music meant that he has gone more than the extra mile to sustain the worship of the parish at both the Vigil and 11.15 am Masses. They will both be missed. May they rest in peace.

Maureen's Requiem Mass will be on 11 May at 10 am, Roy's on 14 May at 11am. We offer our sympathy to Lorraine, David and family and to Roy's son, Simon and his wife, Helen.

ST FRANCIS AND ST AUGUSTINE SVP CONFERENCE UPDATE

MARCH 2020-2021

We would like to update you all with our activities during the past unusual year. First as you will be aware we have done a number of Foodbank collections and we are so grateful for the support you have given to these. Lockdown has restricted us doing our normal visiting but we have sent out a monthly contact sheet with topics of interest to those we normally visit, plus regular telephone calls to them.

We also deliver copies of the church newsletter to those who cannot access it online.

At Christmas we sent 25 Christmas hampers to local needy families and with the help of a donation from a charitable trust, we have continued supporting some of these families. We are also still supporting Fatima House in Birmingham which supports women seeking asylum.

Mini Vinnies at Crackley Hall did a very successful Foodbank collection before Christmas and those at St Augustine's provided some lovely Easter cards for us to send out to parishioners. Our Sudan Christmas Appeal raised over £2000.

Our twinned parishes in India and Sudan continue to benefit from our support, and we have donated £1000 to help other SVP conferences to alleviate cases of hardship due to the pandemic.

We hope to be able to resume our normal activities in the near future and are most grateful to you all for your continued support. May God bless you all.

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