



### FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629).

If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

### PARISH CENTRE

We have been richly blessed over the last eight years with Mrs Jeanette Jackson as our Parish Centre bookings Secretary. Week by week, Jeanette has tirelessly organised bookings, viewings and invoicing and we all owe her an enormous debt of gratitude. Present circumstances mean she must now withdraw from that important work. I am pleased to announce that **L. Taylor-Hoff** has kindly agreed to be the new Secretary - contact details are on the front of the Bulletin and I wish to say my thanks on behalf of the entire parish and all Centre users; a warm welcome to you!

### THIS SUNDAY

We begin the **New Year of God's grace** in the life and liturgy of the Church with the beginning of Advent. The season of Advent reminds us of our need to prepare spiritually for Christmas as we recall Christ's first coming at Bethlehem. We are also directed in mind and heart to await Christ when he calls us home to him or when he comes to us in glory. **The Advent Crown** reminds us of our preparation to welcome Christ the Light of the world - Happy New Year, everyone.

**The Sunday readings will be from Year C, the year of St Luke.**

**The weekday cycle in Ordinary Time will be from year one.**

**'Walk with Me' booklets are available and calendars.** Please take as many as you would like. There will be a collection to defray costs in 2019.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN KENILWORTH ETC. ADVENT SERVICE

The Methodist Church on Priory Road will be hosting the **Advent Service on Sunday 2 December 6.30pm** with Advent Hymns, Readings & prayers. All are welcome.

### GIVING TREE

The giving tree is now up in the narthex. This is a way we can support the sick, disadvantaged and those supported by the SVP in our parish and the wider local community. Please take a tag from the tree and purchase the specified item.

**Please note that this year we are requesting that you do not wrap the food items etc. but place them unwrapped under the tree with the tag attached.**

Thanks go to K. and I. Gordon, the Feasey family and all those who have helped.

### PIETY STALL AT ST FRANCIS' CHURCH

Come and view our Advent Calendars, Christmas cards and 2019 diaries etc!

### A CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA from SVP

Please return any forms and money today. Any late ones may be sent direct to the SVP address on the form.

### MINI VINNIES

The Mini Vinnie's group at St Augustine's Primary School are organising a festive afternoon tea for the community. If you would like some company and a chat come along to St Augustine's School on **Thursday 6 December at 2.00pm**. We just ask that you let the school know on 01926 852 943 so they can make sure there are enough mince pies! The SVP group are able to provide transport, for anyone who needs a lift to or from the school please contact L. Long on 01926 853 119.

### ANNUAL 'POOR PARISHES' COLLECTION

There will be a second collection for the poor parishes of the Archdiocese on **Sunday 8 / 9 December**. We are materially blessed in so many ways here in Kenilworth. This collection helps us to support parishes who struggle financially.

### ADVENT LUNCH

**The Advent Lunch will take place in the Parish Centre on Sunday 9 December at 1.00pm.** A two course lunch followed by coffee/tea and you are invited to bring a drink of your choice. This event is sold out – waiting list only.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There will be a **retiring** collection after all Masses on **Sunday, 15 / 16 December** for the decoration of both Churches over the Christmas Festival.

### COFFEE ETC. AFTER THE 9.30AM MASS

Thanks to all those who have supported Coffee after 9.30 am Mass on Sunday.

The rota for the coming year is being compiled if you would like to help please contact P & S Haley 01926 864 505.

### YOUR PRIESTS AND CHRISTMAS

Soon we will celebrate the birthday of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. May we both crave your kindness and indulgence in asking you **not to mark that celebration with personal gifts to us?** The Christmas Offering, given to Father David and to me is a sign of generosity and financial support. May we humbly and sincerely request that a small donation be given to the Crib Collection rather than a personal gift to us on this occasion? Also, please don't feel **that you must** send a Christmas card, thank you.

### YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS MEAL

It is hoped to set up a network of young adult Catholics (20-30s) around the Coventry, Kenilworth, Leamington, and Warwick Parishes. As a first event there will be a pre- Christmas meal at **Zizzi's Kenilworth** on **Thursday, 13 December at 8:15 pm**. There will be 7:30 pm mass at St Francis close by if you're interested. We hope the network will provide an opportunity for us to share our faith, and provide opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth. If you're interested please join our "West Midlands Catholic Young Adults" group on Face book. Or email to be added to a mailing list [WestMidlandsCYA@gmail.com](mailto:WestMidlandsCYA@gmail.com).

### 'PASTIMES'

Old and New members will be welcome on **Mondays from 2.00pm-4.00pm** in the Parish Centre, with Crafts, Scrabble etc. tea and biscuits - Subscription is 40p.

### ST FRANCIS' PARENTS' AND TODDLERS' GROUPS

The **Monday** group meets at the Parish Centre from 10 – 11.15am.

There is also a **Wednesday** group at Crackley Hall from 10 – 11.30am.

**FOOD BANK ROTA** Please check whether you are transporting food this week.

**OFFERTORY COUNTERS – more counters are urgently required, please contact Father Kevin**

This Sun: T Stokes, J Barr, P Haley

Next Sun: P Rand, P Ryan

### CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis': B Holt, S MacMahon, S Tinsley

St Augustine's: J O'Carroll- Bailey, V Childs

**GOD BLESS YOU AND GOOD WISHES TO YOU ALL, Father Kevin.**