



### **THIS SUNDAY: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

We celebrate the **Epiphany of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ**. As we see the Magi or Wise Men at the manger we are reminded that people of every race and nation may find their true home and destiny in the presence of the Lord. Please pray for greater harmony and understanding throughout the world, for better race relations and above all, for peace.

The **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**, on **Sunday, 13th January**, will bring the season of Christmas to its conclusion that evening - **last Sunday for Crib Collection**.

### **PAX CHRISTI**

There will be a retiring collection **Sunday 20 January** which is kept as Peace Sunday.

### **CHRISTMAS 2018**

Thank you to all who have worked so hard over the Christmas period. I am grateful to all who have cleaned our Churches and decorated them so beautifully with flowers, Christmas trees and the cribs. The masses were joyful and devotional. I wish to thank Roy Titcomb, the organist, our parish musicians, singers, altar servers, wardens and all who read and led the prayers and organised and helped with the Carol Services. Special appreciation goes to all those, and you know who you are, who worked 'behind the scenes'.

Thanks also to the organisers of the Giving Tree and to you all for the support you all gave the initiative. **We have received a lovely Christmas card with thanks from the Cyrenians for the many items taken to them towards the lunch in Coventry.**

Furthermore, I wish to express my thanks for the considerable kindness and generosity shown in the Christmas offering and in the personal cards and gifts received.

I am very touched by all your support and goodness.

Father David joins me in thanking all parishioners who also showed such kindness to him and to Joanna at Christmas.

### **9.30 AM MASS READERS' AND COFFEE ROTAS**

The 9:30 am Mass Reading Rota for 2019 is being prepared, if anyone would like to join the list of readers then please ring David Spillane on 513 196 or e-mail him on [david.spillane@ntlworld.com](mailto:david.spillane@ntlworld.com)

Thanks to all who have assisted and support with Coffee after 9.30am Sunday Mass over the past year. The list for the coming year is being prepared if you are willing to volunteer please contact S&P Haley 01926 864 505.

### **PARISH MEETINGS**

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is on **Monday 7 January at 7pm**.

The next Parish Finance Committee meeting is on **Tuesday 12 March at 7pm**.

### **PRAYER GROUP**

The next meeting will be on **Monday 7 January at 7.30pm** at Bullimore Grove.

We will consider the arrival of the Magi, seeking the child King; the point at which the Saviour was unveiled to the Gentiles, and not just the Jews. We will thank God for giving us the right to be called "children of God". Please join with us in this meditation and thanksgiving, L P Whiteman, 854 148.

### **CATHOLIC WOMENS' LEAGUE**

The C.W.L. will meet at the Parish Centre on **Tuesday, 8 January, at 7.00pm**.

We will consider our 2019 programme and review our present committee.

Please consider joining this dedicated team. Afterwards we will have a shared Supper. Will all members please supply a plate of suitable food?

We will vote for our next National President and our annual capitation fee is due.

Cheques for £23 should be made payable to Catholic Women's League C.I.O.

**CTK / 'LOVE KENILWORTH' AGM Thu 10 Jan 7.30pm at St John's Church**

### **PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI MAY 2019**

The first meeting for those who have enrolled for this pilgrimage will be on **Saturday 19 January** in the Parish Centre.

We will meet **after the 10.00am Mass**, with coffee and tea available.

At this meeting we will confirm all the arrangements made and also have a chance to get to know who's who.

### **LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS YEAR**

Ash Wednesday	6 March (Lent begins)
Palm Sunday	14 April (Holy Week begins)
Easter Day	21 April
Ascension Day	30 May ( <b>now restored to Thursday</b> )
Pentecost	9 June
Corpus et Sanguis Christi	23 June ( <b>still observed on Sunday</b> )

May Our Lord richly bless our liturgical life during 2019.

### **OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

We shall begin the octave of prayer for the unity of all Christian people on **18 January**.

Further details about the United Service etc. will be included in the Bulletin later on.

The prayer of Jesus: - "Father that they may be one, as we are one" must be in our hearts and minds as we pray for all our baptised brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **ANNUAL PRO-LIFE CHARITY COLLECTION**

**The collection in 2019 will take place at all masses over 2 / 3 February**. I commend to you all this collection for such an important work locally based and working nationally. There will also be a collection for SPUC in the spring of this year.

### **PASTIMES**

**Meetings are on Mondays 2 – 4pm in the Parish Centre**, with (knitting Craft Corner, needlework etc), Bridge, Whist, Scrabble etc. and refreshments Subscription is 40p. **Reopening date is tomorrow**.

### **ST FRANCIS' PARENTS' AND TODDLERS' GROUPS – TERM TIME**

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**

This Sun: P Whiting, M Harrington

Next Sun: T Stokes, J Barr, P Haley

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

St Francis' Church: E Head, L Hnat, B Stokes

St Austin's Church: M Sexton, T Adams

**MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALL THROUGHOUT 2019, FATHER KEVIN**