

URGENT: PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN DISABLED SPACES UNLESS YOU HAVE A BLUE BADGE; IT IS UNFAIR TO THOSE WHO NEED THEM
JUST A REMINDER: LENT 2019

Lent gives us the opportunity not only to think of self-denial but also of renewing and refreshing our spiritual lives by doing something new or taking up again something from which we may have lapsed. Let us pray for the grace to keep a good Lent.

Prayer, fasting and concern for others are spiritual keynotes in Lent.

- What about coming to **an extra Mass in the week? Celebrating Reconciliation?**
- Stations of the Cross Friday **7pm** at St Francis' and Sunday **4.30pm** at St Austin's.

THIS SUNDAY: CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION

The Lent Family Fast Day was on **Friday 15 March** and gave us the opportunity to exercise self-denial on behalf of the needy of the world. Please return envelopes in the second collection over this Sunday. All other donations would also be welcome.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please remember in your prayers our young people who are, at this time, celebrating the Sacrament of First Confession and Absolution.

9 March was the date for St Augustine's School and so we congratulate our young people there. It will be on **18 March** for the small Parish Group and **the same day** for those at Crackley Hall. We offer our prayers and ask God's blessings for all involved.

NEXT SUNDAY – JAM SALE

Sister Felicity will be selling her jars of jam at all Masses **next Sunday 23 /24 March** and she is looking forward to your kind support

FILM NIGHT

A film about the heroic life of St Paul will be screened at the **Parish Centre at 6.45 pm on Saturday 16 March**. Saul, the persecutor of the early church, was converted to Christ on the way to Damascus. In this film the teacher of 'the Way' faces execution; while his companion St Luke risks his life to visit him in Rome. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

EVERY LIFE MATTERS – A TALK BY 'LIFE' CHARITY

This will be on **Saturday 23 March, arrivals from 10.30am** at The Grimshaw Room, St Chad's Cathedral B4 6EY. Cost – suggested donation of £5 (all monies will be given to Life Charity). For more info call 0121 475 1227 / 07767 457625

FUND RAISING PERUVIAN EVENING, ST MARY IMMACULATE

The 'Cosa Network' charity, which connects volunteers from around the world with community-run projects in northern Peru, have organised an evening of live Peruvian music, dancing, food and drink at St Mary Immaculate, **Warwick on 23 March**. For details or tickets, please contact Peter Roddy (853 460).

DEMENTIA

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is holding a presentation and discussion on living with dementia. The talk will cover aspects of the condition and how to cope with those affected. It will be on **Monday 1 April at 7.30pm** in the Davenport Room of the Parish Centre of St Peter's church Leamington Spa. All parishioners are welcome.

MISSIO RED BOX APPEAL

Missio Red Boxes are now due in. Please could you bring your Missio Box into church to be counted? The work of the Missio Red Box is vital in supporting missionary projects around the world. If any parishioners would like a Missio Red Box for their home for a haven for loose change please contact me, Jonathan Shipton on 07476 405215.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

A huge thank you goes to all who contributed in any way to make the Lenten Lunch such a great success. £726 was raised from the sale of tickets, donations and the raffle. This will be sent directly to help the Christians who are most in need in the Holy Land.

ASSISI MAY 2019 from Fr David

At the January meeting it was agreed that each pilgrim would send me an email. This will ensure that I have your email address to hand should I wish to contact you as a group. Very few have responded! So if you have never been in touch with me by email, please send me a short greeting dpbazen@btinternet.com

THE BURROW NURSERY REQUIRES A PART TIME COOK

The Nursery, based adjacent to St Augustine's School, requires a cook to work 4 hours a day, Monday to Friday.

For further information and a job description please contact

Mary Anne Burrows on 01926 853323 or email SAKC@btconnect.com

PARISH AGM: SUNDAY 28 APRIL

This is to give you all good and advance notice of the parish AGM, which will be on **Sunday 28 April at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre**. Please put the date in your diary as it is an important meeting for anyone interested in the running of the parish.

We will be seeking nominations for members of the Parish Council.

This is of great importance for the parish. Are you willing to help?

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.

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 School from 10 – 11.30am.

OFFERTORY COUNTERS

This Sun: M Swinburne, D Spillane, J Rice, R Palmi

Next Sun: T Walmesley, P and K Alexander

CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis' Church: R Richardson, A Smyth, T Wilding

St Austin's Church: S Haley, M Palmi

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALWAYS, FATHER KEVIN.