

THIS SUNDAY IS EDUCATION SUNDAY

At the beginning of a new school year, **this Sunday, Education Sunday** is celebrated in all parishes in England and Wales. It is for us all, an important moment to pray for the work of our schools, and to express our support for the work of Catholic Education in our local parishes and across our Archdiocese.

There will also be a second collection for the work of Catholic Education in our Archdiocese. Please be as generous as you are able.

NB PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – Meeting is on **Monday 9 Sept** at 7.30pm, at the Priest's House.

ALL OUR GOOD WISHES AND BLESSINGS FOR THE FUTURE

We pray for the young people from our parish who now have received the results of their public examinations. May Almighty God bless and guide them all as they take decisions regarding the future.

NEXT SUNDAY IS 'HOME MISSION SUNDAY'

Often when we hear the word 'Mission' it is associated with the valuable work of sharing our faith and helping people in other countries. Whilst this is always important, the Home Mission Office of the Bishops' Conference helps Catholics to share their faith with those they love, know and meet on 'home turf'.

A Second collection will be taken for this work next Sunday.

GABRIELLE CRAWFORTH RIP

Gabrielle died on 21 August. She had been a faithful member of the parish but often worshipped elsewhere. Known to many in the town through her career in banking, she has been in poor health for a number of years.

We extend our sympathy to her brothers and family, and pray for the repose of her soul.

Reception into St Francis' Church will be on Sunday 22 September at 5.00pm

Requiem Mass will be at St Francis Church on Monday 23 September at 12.30.

JAM

Sister Felicity is most grateful for the generous response to her Jam sale and the final amount received was the magnificent sum of **£496.00**.

PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting will be on **Monday 9 September at 7.30pm** at Bullimore Grove.

We will pray for guidance in these new times for us all, with the intercession of Our Blessed Lady. Please join with us in this prayer, L P Whiteman 854 148.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

C.W.L. will meet on **Tuesday 10 September at 7.00pm** at the Parish Centre (doors open 6.45pm). The talk will be given by Sue Hessel, a niece of Pilot Philip Hermolle, Kathleen's late brother. September marks the 80th anniversary of the commencement of the second world war and it is an appropriate time to reflect on the life of a young R.A.F. pilot whose eloquent letters home, edited by Sue, showed how his unwavering Catholic Faith and sense of duty sustained him. All Parishioners are welcome.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

The next group meeting will be on **Thursday 12 September at 6.45pm** in the Parish centre. New members are always welcome. Contact is P. Highton 859 532.

SALVE

The Produce and Pudding Sale will take place before and after 5.30 Mass on Saturday **14 September** at St Francis' Parish Centre and proceeds will be donated to Warwickshire Young Carers. There will be a selection of delicious homemade pies, crumbles, cakes etc, together with a selection of fresh fruit and vegetables. Donations of fruit, vegetables etc from generous parishioners for the sale would be very welcome. **These can be delivered from 4.30pm.** Please contact F Chapman 858 105.

SVP COFFEE MORNING

The St.Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting a coffee morning in the Parish Centre, on **Saturday, 21 September at 10.30am.** Tickets will be on sale after weekend masses from 31 August.

Please help to support the work of the SVP and enjoy a parish get-together.

COIN COLLECTION FOR SVP

Do you have foreign coins and notes left over from your holidays? **SVP members will be ready to collect them after Mass on the weekends of 21/22 and 28/29 of September.**

DEANERY VISITATION BEGINS 26 SEPTEMBER

This deanery exercise will last until 31 March 2020. It begins with Vespers at St Peter's Leamington Spa on **Thursday 26 September at 7pm.** I hope the chairs of the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee will be there. Eight others are invited to attend, representing our various parish groups. Are there any volunteers?

PARISH WALKING TREASURE HUNT SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2019

There will be a walk around Kenilworth, answering clues along the way. It will start outside St Francis' Parish Centre at 12.45pm (lasting approx. 1 ½ hours) and will cost £2.00 per adult, with escorted children going free. Teams will be of 2 to 4, or in family groups. There is an option for lunch afterwards at 'Ego' from 2.30pm cost as per order.

Please see notices and advise interest to G. Cowley or G. Daykin.

FROM ANGELA COWLEY

Please make a note in your diaries that the **Autumn Fair will be held on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 October.** More details will come later.

PASTIMES - will re-open on Monday 9 September

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 ONLY

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

Next Sun: P Whiting, M Harrington

CHURCH CLEANING

St Francis': J Gallen, B Roberts, K Tooth

St Austin's: J Poulter. A Roberts

EVERY BLESSING AND GOOD WISHES TO YOU ALL, Father Kevin.