

THIS SUNDAY: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis' Church will be the location for public masses on Saturday 26 September at 5.30pm, on Sunday 27 September at 8:00, 9:30am and 11:15 am. There will be also be a public mass this week on Tuesday 29 September at 10.00am and Thursday 1 October at 7.30pm.

Please remember to wear a face covering in church, thank you.

EXTRA PUBLIC MASS

From 1 October there will be a public Mass on Thursdays at 7.30 pm to enable those at work during the week to come to Mass.

ELSA HEWETT RIP

Elsa Hewett, originally from Belgium, lived at Coniston Grange after moving here from her beloved Norfolk. Pam Highton has been looking after her spiritual welfare at a care home in Leamington Spa for a number of years. **She died recently and her Funeral will be at Oakley Wood Crematorium on 14 October at 12 noon, RIP.**

COLIN CARDINAL RIP

Veronica Cardinal's husband, Colin, has died recently. Please pray for Veronica and her family and that Colin may rest in peace.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – DAY OF UNITY

During the COVID19 pandemic, the SVP (Kenilworth) conference has continued to work for those in need. Members are uniting spiritually on Sunday, 27 September, usually kept as the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul, to pray for each other, for those affected by Coronavirus, for all who have looked after us during the pandemic, and for a brighter future ahead. We have compiled a sheet of readings, prayers and reflections, and everyone is welcome to join us in prayer by accessing these online, on this week's parish website. (If you require a paper copy of the sheet, or would like to support the work of the SVP, please phone 01926 858436).

SVP FESTIVAL MASS

The annual Festival Mass for the SVP is being held at St Chad's Cathedral on the 26 and 27 September; there are two masses on each day 12noon and 2pm on Saturday 26 & 10 and 12noon on Sunday 27 September. This year due to the current lockdown measures in place, many of the members cannot attend, so the masses are being streamed on the Cathedral web site <http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

This is an invitation for any of our parish who like to join in our celebration.

'SECOND' COLLECTIONS

There will be a separate collecting receptacle near the door each week for the particular collection.

THIS SUNDAY – FATHER HUDSON'S SOCIETY (SOCIAL WELFARE)

On 26-27 September the 'second collection' will be for Father Hudson's Care, to enable the mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The Father Hudson's Society reaches out to people of all ages who need help, advice, and support at times of adversity.

Please give generously to this worthy cause – envelopes are available.

NEXT SUNDAY – PETER'S PENCE (SUPPORTING THE HOLY FATHER)

FROM THE 9.30 MUSIC GROUP

We are pleased to announce that the music group will be re-starting at the 9.30am Mass, albeit in restricted capacity and numbers, to ensure that we are complying with the latest government and diocesan guidelines. Unfortunately congregational singing is not allowed at the moment, so please resist the urge to join in!

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our congratulations to **Fathers Clive Dytor, Alexander Taylor, Sean Gough, and Benedict Skipper** who were ordained as priests in the Cathedral recently. We ask a blessing on them and on the parishes where they will serve.

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS – BY APPOINTMENT

Princethope College Sunday 4 October 10.00am – 3.00 pm

Princethope Sixth Form Wednesday 14 October 6.30pm – 9.00pm

Contact 01926 634201 (Princethope)

CAFOD

Family Fast Day for Harvest this year will also be observed on **Friday, 2 October**.

The usual envelopes are now available for personal or family use.

The collection will be at Mass on 10 / 11 October, so please keep them until then.

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST FRANCIS

At St Francis' Church, Sunday, 4 October will be the Solemnity of St Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of our Church

It also marks the anniversary of the Consecration of the Church in 2008.

We rejoice and give thanks for the life and witness of St Francis' Church and the part it plays in the life of our whole parish.

Masses will be celebrated at the usual Sunday times.

As we have Missalettes for the ordinary Sunday, we will use the readings as given, but have the Propers for our parish Solemnity.

It would be good to see a number of socially-distanced parishioners at mass on that day to celebrate our life together in the parish and to honour St Francis.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation, runs until 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

Pope Francis has established this to encourage the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. Because of climate change, people are already facing droughts, floods and storms. Climate change highlights the issues of injustice just as much as it destroys natural habitats and wildlife.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ALSO CONFIRMATION FOR THOSE NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

All names, addresses and phone numbers to Father Kevin as soon as possible, please.

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALL DURING THESE DIFFICLT AND CHALLENGING TIMES, FATHER KEVIN