

SAFEGUARDING: PERMANENT NOTICE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies and procedures at all times.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

AND CLERGY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION

This Sunday, 21 April is Good Shepherd or Vocations Sunday, when we pray for a deeper sense of our personal vocation and for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life in Religious Community. We hold in our prayers the Seminaries at Oscott, Allen Hall, Valladolid, Rome and elsewhere.

There will be the annual Second Collection for the training of Priests and Deacons DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL

The first meeting of this new body will be at the Immaculate Conception Parish, Bicester on 8 May at 7.00pm after a Mass at 6.30 pm.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our sympathy to Anne-Marie and Magdalen, following the death in France recently of their Mother, **MAVIS SNAPE**. A parishioner here for many years with her late husband, Tony, and a teacher at St Joseph's Convent school, Mavis was known to many.

She had a deep faith in our Lord and love for our Blessed Lady. May she rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our congratulations to **EMMANUEL NNABUIKE NWOKWU** and **PHILOMINA OBUMNEME NWANKWO** following their Wedding Mass at St Francis' Church recently. May our Lord richly bless their married life together so far from their native land.

SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE, MARTYR AND PATRON OF ENGLAND

The celebration, in honour of England's national Patron Saint, will be kept on

Tuesday, 23 April.

Mass on that day will be celebrated at 9.00am at Crackley Hall School and at St Francis' Church at 12 noon.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE COFFEE MORNING

Parishioners are invited to the **CWL St George's Day Coffee Morning, from 10am-12noon on Tuesday, 23 April**, at 7 Southbank Road. Entrance is by ticket or pay £3.00 on the door (includes tea/coffee and cake). All are invited – please come.

SVP COMMUNITY WARM HUB

The SVP Warm Hub will meet again on **Tuesday, 23 April (10am to 12noon)** in the Parish Centre. As always, everyone is welcome to pop in and enjoy the friendly atmosphere and the free refreshments.

PARISH DISCUSSION GROUPS AFTER EASTER

There will be a series of four weekly discussions on the theme of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday afternoons after Easter at 2.30pm.

April 24 at 3, Willoughby Avenue

May 1 and 8 at 28, Lindsay Crescent

For any further information phone M. Hazelwood 858680 or V. Cutler 855074

CORONATION ANNIVERSARY DAY: BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 6 MAY

Morning Mass will be at 10.00 am. The Mass on this, the first anniversary of his Coronation, will be offered for the health and well-being of His Majesty, King Charles III. I do hope that many parishioners will wish to be at Mass on that day.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OLJC

On Thursday, 9 May we shall celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Traditionally observed forty days after Easter, in our country this Solemnity of Our Lord has in recent years been **restored to its proper date**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Our celebration reminds us of the conclusion of our Lord's earthly ministry and the hope of heaven which is given to us all.

Mass will be celebrated at **St Francis' Church at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm.**

Masses also at **Crackley Hall at 10.45am** and **St Augustine's School at 2.00pm**

URGENT – PLEASE NOTE: MASSES FOR SUNDAY 12 MAY 2024

Our parish Catenian Circle will be hosting the Association's National Conference at Chesford Grange Hotel on 10/12 May. Around 300 Catenians and their families are hoping to attend Mass on **Sunday 12 May at St Francis' Church**, rather than having a Mass in the hotel. With the agreement of the Parish Pastoral Council, **and for that Sunday only**, we will revert to our previous pattern of Mass times – for parishioners, **Saturday at 5.30 pm and on Sunday at 8.00 am at St Austin's Church and 9.30 am at St Francis' Church**. The additional 11.15 am Mass will be reserved for the Catenians, due to their numbers.

Bishop John Arnold will be the Chief Concelebrant. The Catenian Circle is very grateful to the parish for accommodating the needs of our visitors.

PARISH MEETING

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting – **Tuesday 14 May at 7.30pm**

ECO FAYRE

The next Kenilworth Eco Fayre will be on **Saturday 18 May from 10am-1pm** at Kenilworth Methodist Church Hall, Priory Road CV8 1LQ, and there will be free entry. All are welcome.

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING AT LEEK WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL

There will be a Cheese and Wine Evening at the Village Hall on **Saturday 18 May at 7.30pm** where we will be sampling wines from some of the countries in which Christian Aid operates. Who knew India makes wine? Come and join us for what will be an opportunity to learn a little about these vineyards and taste some unusual wines. Tickets are £20 per person and can be purchased by cheque payable to "PCC Leek Wootton Parish" with name and address to Michael Cox, 13 Tidmarsh Road, Leek Wootton CV35 7QP Tel: 07467 024024 Email: michael.cox120@gmail.com

This is for over 18s only.

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EVERY BLESSING AND GOOD WISHES TO YOU ALL, FATHER KEVIN.