

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.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is J. Barr who can be contacted

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THIS SUNDAY: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

We keep Palm Sunday as we begin Holy Week, the most solemn week of the Christian year. After so much disruption over recent years, it is wonderful to think that we are all able to keep Holy Week as a parish family, and especially the Sacred Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, celebrating the Liturgies together. Please make every effort to be present if you are able.

Leaflets for Holy Week and Easter and 'Easter Offering' envelopes are available.

Please take a palm cross with you into Mass for blessing.

Please note that Stations of the Cross are at St Augustine's Church at **4.30pm on Palm Sunday and at **7.30pm on Good Friday**.**

REMEMBER CLOCKS GO FORWARD EARLY NEXT SUNDAY MORNING
FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please remember in your prayers all our young people who have recently celebrated the Sacrament of First Confession and Absolution.

We offer our prayers for them, and ask God's blessings for all involved.

Thanks are sent to the staff at our schools, parish catechists, parents and families, for all their support.

FROM THE MEMBERS OF SALVE

The St Patrick's Coffee Morning raised £615 for Zoe's Place Hospice. This is an excellent result and grateful thanks go to everyone who supported and helped to make this event such an enjoyable occasion.

SVP FOODBANK COLLECTION

If you have missed the collection of food by SVP, but would still like to contribute, please phone 01926 858436 and we will pick up from your doorstep at a time convenient to you. Thanks go to all who have already contributed.

SVP COMMUNITY WARM HUB

There will be **no meeting** on Tuesday, 26 March (Holy Week).

After Easter there will be a meeting on **Tuesday, 2 April** and all will be welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

C.W.L. Members invite all parishioners to Stations of the Cross and Benediction at St Francis' Church **on Tuesday, 26 March, at 7.00pm** as part of their Holy Week Devotions. All parishioners are very welcome to attend, and the members of CWL look forward to your company.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Lists for watching at the Altar of Repose after Mass are now in both churches. Please indicate with a cross (X) on the list provided, the time you will commit to be with our Lord on **Maundy Thursday at the Altar of Repose**.

Lists are also in place for the washing of feet at that Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Ministers are invited to renew their commitment at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. This is for those ministering at present, and also to those who have been Ministers previously, and would wish to do so once again.

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT **CHILDREN'S SERVICE - 29 MARCH 2024**

This popular service will once again be held in St Augustine's school grounds. Meet at the school gate at **9.30am** on Good Friday. Children and young people who would like a speaking part are asked to phone N. Mottram (859675) and come along a few minutes early on the day. Come prepared - whatever the weather!!

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

The Act of Worship organised by Churches Together in Kenilworth and District takes place at **Abbey End** at **10.45am** and is followed by the procession of Witness to Abbey Hill and the planting of the Cross. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this joint proclamation of our faith with our Christian sisters and brothers locally.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

This annual collection will be taken as usual **after the 3.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy**.

EASTER GREETINGS TO PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

There is the opportunity to send an Easter greeting to Prisoners of Conscience.

The list of those included in the Easter 2024 campaign is available on the ACAT website <http://www.acatuk.org.uk> under the news dropdown

If you feel able to send a greeting, there is clear guidance as to format requested within the background information.

PARISH AGM

This year's AGM will be on **Sunday 7 April at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre**.

The Parish Pastoral Council provides an invaluable parishioner perspective for Fr Kevin on matters spiritual, pastoral and social. If you would like to serve on it, please contact the Secretary robert@fastmail.net

PARISH DISCUSSION GROUPS AFTER EASTER

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

April 17th and 24th at 3, Willoughby Avenue

May 1st and 8th at 28, Lindsay Crescent

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

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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