



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
KENILWORTH  
SERVED BY THE CHURCHES OF  
**ST FRANCIS & ST AUGUSTINE**



**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH**

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**1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A**

**Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent**

4:45-5.15 p.m. St. Francis Confessions

5:30 p.m. St. Francis Mass

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March: Second Sunday of Lent**

8:30 a.m. St. Augustine Mass

10:30 a.m. St. Francis School Mass

People of the Parish

Magdalene Coe (R.I.P, ann.) (Margaret)

Thanksgiving for birth of Dexter (Close)

Morfydd MacLaren (R.I.P.) (Lynda)

*Followed by Tea & Coffee*

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Feast of St Chad**

9:30 a.m. St. Francis Mass

Cathie Smith (R.I.P.) (Highton)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Lent Feria**

12 noon St. Francis Mass

Work of Mary's Meals (SALVE)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Lent Feria**

10:00 a.m. St. Augustine Mass

Stewart Adams (R.I.P.) (Pam & Kevin)

Sheila Boland (R.I.P., b'day) (Neil)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Lent feria**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Lent Feria**

7:00 p.m. St. Francis Stations of the Cross

led by Catholic Women's League

7:30 p.m. St. Francis Mass

Janice Coker (R.I.P.)

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity**

10:00 a.m. St. Francis Mass

Giuseppe Mele (R.I.P.) (Marilyn & Tony)

Joanna Bazen

10:30-11 a.m. St. Francis Confessions & Rosary

**Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent**

4:45-5.15 p.m. St. Francis Confessions

5:30 p.m. St. Francis Youth Mass

Laurence Redmond (R.I.P.) (Pauline)

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Third Sunday of Lent**

8:30 a.m. St. Augustine Mass with Confirmation of Gabriele

Rory Lowe (R.I.P, ann.) (Monique)

Pat Bradley b'day (Kate & family)

In Thanksgiving (Tony & Breda)

*Followed by Tea & Coffee*

10:30 a.m. St. Francis Mass

Please pray for those who are sick, for those who have died recently, and those who anniversaries occur at this time.

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**SAFEGUARDING** The Parish operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Jill Barr who can be contacted at [sg.stfrancis.kenilworth@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stfrancis.kenilworth@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on **0121 230 6240** or at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**This Parish is part of THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM: Registered Charity 234216**

## LIVING LENT 2026

Dear parishioners,

During the week we saw two wonderful community moments. We had the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with members of year 6 and our parish group and our Lenten lunch. Confirmation was a very prayerful and inspiring occasion and I want to thank Bishop Richard for presiding. I also want to thank the staff at St. Augustine's School and our parish catechists for their work and preparation throughout the year. Thanks also to the music group, the flower team, the sacristy team and to all who provided the wonderful refreshments afterwards in the Centre.

The Lenten lunch was a delight with great hospitality and with charity at its heart. It is in moments like this that we can so clearly see how well the parish comes together, gathered in prayer and in community. This is how evangelisation takes place: by creating a welcoming and supportive environment where people want to belong, inspiring others to belong. With my prayers, Fr Ryan

**WE WELCOME INTO THE PARISH FAMILY** Alife who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church and be Confirmed this weekend. We pray for all the young people Confirmed in our parish during the last week. We pray for Gabriele who will be Confirmed next weekend. May God bless them and their families. If you are an adult and would like to be Confirmed in the Catholic Church, please speak to the clergy.

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** Perhaps this is something you have considered looking into and might like to explore further. Lent and Easter are times of change and of stepping out in faith. Please contact the clergy who are happy to guide you.

**MASS INTENTIONS** are always welcome. A Mass can be offered for anyone—living or deceased, Catholic or non-Catholic—and for nearly any worthy cause. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention please complete Mass intention envelopes which are available in the back of both churches or speak to the clergy directly.

**THIS WEEKEND WE WELCOME MARIA FROM SVP-** There will be an appeal at each Mass by Maria L., our Membership Support Officer, and a follow up information evening on Wed 4 March at 7pm in St Francis Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome to come and find out more about the Society, what we do, and the ways in which you might be involved.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all who made the Lenten Lunch event such a wonderful success. A fantastic £1000.00 has been raised from ticket sales a raffle and donations. This will be sent directly to Friends of the Holy Land, supporting Christians who are in great need of help in the region. Our grateful thanks also go to those who helped with the clearing away afterwards.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI NOVEMBER 2026-** is now full. Thank you for all the interest in this visit. The pilgrimage was sold out in the first few days, which is an incredible response! There is now a waiting list for the pilgrimage. Sorry that not everyone will be able to go this time. We will bring all prayers requests and intentions with us as it is very much a parish pilgrimage even if all are unable to travel.

**IRISH NIGHT- TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE** - Saturday 14 March, 6.30 for 7pm start, in the Parish Centre. A themed evening of music, poems, a quick quiz and a song or two. Irish Stew and Apple Cake for Supper. Tickets, £12, will be on sale this weekend onwards. Places are limited. Please Contact A. Cowley 864568.

**POPE LEO'S LENTEN MESSAGE** is well worth a read and can be viewed online on the parish website.

**BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS:** Try Sr Liz Dodd's *Easter in Disguise* which is the 2026 Lent Book with Bloomsbury or *Meeting God in John* by David F. Ford.

**ONLINE RETREAT** try joining an online retreat led by the Jesuits. The theme of the retreat is "Encounters in Conversion". The talks are posted each week and will be available for viewing whenever is convenient. To find out more and to register please visit: <https://gregorianfoundation.org/lenten-retreat-2026/>

**PERSONAL PRAYER RESOURCES** Here are a few suggestions: **Universalis App** – with daily prayers, Mass readings. One off payment for the App on your phone.

**Pray as You Go-** another App that offers stations of the Cross, guided meditation and daily Gospel reflections.

**The Bible in a Year-** a podcast by Fr Mike Schmitz

**Taize live prayer** – watch on Youtube each week a prayer service live from Taize :

<https://www.youtube.com/@taize/videos>

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are celebrated on Fridays at 7pm in St Francis Church. Different groups within the parish will be leading us in this devotional prayer. 6 March - Catholic Women's League, 13 March – FHL & SALVE members, 20 March- SVP, 27 March- Flower Team

**THE ROSARY** is prayed publicly on Saturdays at 10.30am after the morning Mass. All are welcome.

### WAYS OF BEING INVOLVED

**SALVE** Our next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 3 March 2026 at 10.30 in the Parish Centre when we will discuss our future charitable activities and donations followed by Mass at 12.00 noon. New members always welcome.

**PARISH YOUTH GROUP** are meeting next Saturday 7 March at 3.30-5.30pm in Parish Centre, St Francis Church. Any young person from year 6 to year 9 is welcome, with opportunities for young people year 10 and above to become young leaders. Future date: 11 April. For more information, parents or guardians may call 07879 420009. Please consider inviting family members.

**SVP COMMUNITY WARM HUB CAFÉ-** The SVP Warm Hub continues to meet every Tuesday morning (10am to 12 noon) in the parish hall, offering a welcoming, friendly gathering with hot and cold refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

**W.A.R.M** (Warwick Action For Refugees and Marginalised groups) desperately need clean, S/M/L, good quality, clean clothing, for men who are housed in temporary accommodation and have no possessions whatsoever. They are in urgent need of joggers, t-shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts and jeans. They currently do not need shoes. Any suitable donations can be dropped at the Kenilworth Centre in the collection bin in the foyer.

**CAFOD SECOND COLLECTION-** We are holding a parish second collection for CAFOD this weekend. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS** – Thank you for your generosity

Collection for 21/22 Feb: £549

Electronic payments now about £1200 each week.

This weekend: CAFOD 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Cathedral Maintenance 8 March

Easter Flowers 22 March



At St. Francis Church you can give by credit or debit card using the card reader or scan this QR code to donate online.