



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



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5TH APRIL 2026: SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION YEAR A

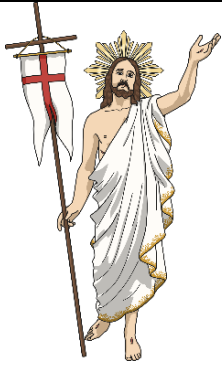
7:30 p.m.	St. Francis	Mass	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 5th April: Easter Sunday</u>			
8:30 a.m.	St. Augustine	Mass	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	St. Francis	Mass	Princess Anne O'Taylor (RIP, ann) (Taylor family) Mary Ward (RIP) (Nora, Kevin & family)
<u>Monday 6th April</u>			
10 a.m.	St. Francis	Mass	Kathleen O'Connor (RIP) (Elizabeth & Gail)
<u>Tuesday 7th April</u>			
10 a.m.	St. Francis	Mass	Mrs Downer (RIP) (Monique)
<u>Wednesday 8th April</u>			
10 a.m.	St. Augustine	Mass	Mona & Len Aitken (b'day ann) (Jennifer & family)
<u>Thursday 9th April</u>			
<u>Friday 10th April</u>			
10 a.m.	St. Francis	Mass	Brian McKeeney (RIP) (Soane)
<u>Saturday 11th April</u>			
10 a.m.	St. Francis	Mass	Joanna Bazen (RIP)
10:30-11 a.m.	St. Francis	Confessions & Rosary	

12TH APRIL 2026: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

<u>Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter</u>			
5:30 p.m.	St. Francis	Youth Mass	Waldemar Kalas (Nualan)
<u>Sunday 12th April: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</u>			
8:30 a.m.	St. Augustine	Mass	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	St. Francis	Mass	Derek Walker (RIP, ann) (Cathy)
<u>Monday 13th April</u>			
9:30 a.m.	St. Francis	Mass	John Twinham (RIP) (Caroline); Alan's health (Frances)
<u>Tuesday 14th April</u>			
12 noon	St. Francis	Mass	Robert Cousins (RIP); Simon's ints. (Sandra)
<u>Wednesday 15th April</u>			
12 noon	St. Francis	Funeral Mass for Chris Beaumont (RIP)	
<u>Thursday 16th April</u>			
<u>Friday 17th April</u>			
7:30 p.m.	St. Francis	Mass	Ints. of Samuel (Sandra); Rodney Somerton (Morgan)
<u>Saturday 18th April</u>			
10 a.m.	St. Francis	Mass	Ian McAuley; Joanna Bazen (RIP)
10:30-11 a.m.	St. Francis	Confessions & Rosary	
<u>Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter</u>			
4:45-5.15 p.m.	St. Francis	Confessions	
5:30 p.m.	St. Francis	Mass	John Carr (RIP) (Nualan); Cynthia Burke (RIP) (John)
<u>Sunday 19th April: Third Sunday of Easter</u>			
8:30 a.m.	St. Augustine	Mass	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	St. Francis	Mass with Confirmation of Liam	Trevor Jones (RIP); Princess Anne O'Taylor (RIP)
12 noon	St. Francis	Baptism of Stephanie	

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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on **0121 230 6240** or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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



"Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

Dear parishioners,

Happy Easter! Today, we witness the ultimate victory of hope over despair, life over death. Easter is a season of profound hope, reminding us that no matter the challenges we face, the stone has been rolled away and the tomb is empty. Pope Leo shared a moving prayer on Palm Sunday from Bishop Tonino Bello:

"Holy Mary, woman of the third day, grant us the certainty that, in spite of all, death will no longer hold sway over us; that the injustices of peoples are numbered; that the flashes of war are fading into the twilight; that the sufferings of the poor are breathing their last. And grant, finally, that the tears of all the victims of violence and pain will soon be dried up like frost beneath the spring sun"

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who works tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare our parish for Easter and throughout the year. To the cleaners, altar servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, those who look after the linen. To the music teams and organist, for the stunning floral arrangements and decorations, stewards, counters, youth group, children's liturgy leaders, the gardeners, our schools, the pastoral council, the finance committee, those who look after our property and parish centre, to all parish groups and volunteers.

To each of you—whether you are a lifelong parishioner or visiting us for the first time—please know that you are a vital part of this parish.

Easter is a time to think about new life and participation

Whether you've been sitting in the pews for years, are just beginning to wonder about faith—this invitation is for you. If you have ever felt a nudge in your heart toward Baptism or becoming Catholic, but hesitated because you felt 'not ready', 'not holy enough' or worried about the process, I want to share a simple truth with you: God's door is always open, and so is ours.

The most important thing to know about seeking Baptism in the Catholic Church is that there is no rejection here. Faith is a gift and a journey, not a test.

Why Consider Baptism or becoming Catholic?

Through the waters of Baptism, we are adopted into God's family, and given the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is the beginning of a life lived in the light of the Resurrection - a life defined by hope rather than fear. So whether you are thinking of becoming Catholic, or if you are considering Baptism for yourself or for your children, have no fear.

May the blessings of the Risen Christ be with you and your family, friends, and neighbours, Fr Ryan



We welcome back Bishop Richard who will be celebrating Masses for us over the weekend 11/12 April.

Young adult Easter social (18-40 age group) on Tuesday 14 April at 7pm at the Anchor Inn, Leek Wootton. Come along for a drink and meet with other young Catholics. This is a joint initiative with Mary Immaculate parish, Warwick.

Year of St Francis meeting- Saturday 18 April at 11am in the Presbytery for those who have expressed an interest in co-ordinating and steering events for this holy year.

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

We pray for Chris Beaumont and her family at this time. Chris' funeral Mass will be celebrated on 15 April at 12 noon in St Francis Church. May she rest in peace.

Catholic Women's League members meeting on Tuesday 14 April 2.15 for a 2.30pm start, when the speaker will be Sue King from The Air Ambulance Service (one of our charities for 2026). All parishioners are welcome to join us for the talk and refreshments.

AGM the Annual Meeting of the Parish will be on Sunday 26 April starting in St Francis church with the Angelus at noon. All are encouraged to be there to hear a review of the past year, including the accounts and the appointment of members to the Pastoral Council as well as other matters.

SALVE Grateful thanks to our kind parishioners and friends who attended our coffee morning in aid of Zoe's Place (Children's Hospice). We raised the sum of £510 and it will be a valuable support for them.

LiveSimply Library: We now have a small library of liturgy and faith related books, including child-friendly titles available to borrow for free in our LiveSimply Library in the glazed link at St Francis Church.

Parish youth group next meets Saturday 11 April 3.30-5.30pm in Parish Centre. 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 meeting is 9 May. For more information, if parents/guardians can call 07879 420009.

SVP community warm hub will meet again on Tuesday 7 April (10 to 12noon) in the parish centre and will then be open regularly every Tuesday morning. As always, everyone is welcome to pop in and enjoy the friendly conversation, free refreshments, games, puzzles books and magazines.

SVP – Foodbank Collection: Please note that the date of our next collection of non-perishable food for the local Foodbanks has changed to **Saturday 25 April** between 11am and 1pm in St. Francis' Church carpark. If you are able to support, the Foodbanks are particularly in need of cereal, tinned fruit, dry noodles, jam, tinned meat, fruit juice, tinned tomatoes and tinned vegetables. If you would like to contribute, but are unable to attend please phone 01926 858436 and we can collect at your convenience

Easter offering- many thanks for your generosity throughout the year. The Easter and Christmas offertory collection are the collections that are gifts directly to the parish priest.

Financial matters – Thank you for your generosity

Collection for 28/29 March: £562

Electronic payments now about £1200 each week. At St. Francis Church you can give by credit or debit card using the card reader or, wherever you are, you can scan this QR code to donate online.

