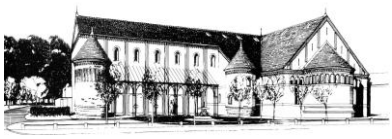

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9 August 2026: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

	Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
4:45-5.15 p.m.	**St. Francis**	**Confessions**	
5:30 p.m.	**St. Francis**	**Mass**	Private Int. (Whiteman); Moira Marchant (RIP)
Sunday 9th August: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
8:30 a.m.	**St. Augustine**	**Mass**	Private Int. (Rice family)
10:30 a.m.	**St. Francis**	**Mass**	Paul Thornton (B'day ann.); Paula Flynn (RIP, ann.)
Monday 10th August: St Lawrence			
9:30 a.m.	St. Francis	Mass	Margaret Roche (RIP)
Tuesday 11th August: St Clare of Assisi			
12 noon	St. Francis	Mass	Int. of Pat Maguire Jacqueline & Margaret Parnell (RIP)
1:00 p.m.	St. Francis	Baptism of Eric	
Wednesday 12th August: Feria			
10:00 a.m.	St. Augustine	Mass	Moira Marchant (RIP) Int. of Kevin Gibson
Thursday 13th August: Blessed Robert Freeman			
Friday 14th August: St Maximilian Kolbe			
7:00 p.m.	St. Francis	Adoration	
7:30 p.m.	St. Francis	Mass	All young people for discernment
Saturday 15th August: Feria			
10:00 a.m.	St. Francis	Mass	Joanna Bazen (RIP)
10:30 a.m.	St. Francis	Confessions & Rosary	
	Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
4:45-5.15 p.m.	**St. Francis**	**Confessions**	
5:30 p.m.	**St. Francis**	**Mass**	Moira Marchant (RIP)
Sunday 16th August: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
8:30 a.m.	**St. Augustine**	**Mass**	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	**St. Francis**	**Mass**	David & Philip Mitchell (RIP) Jim McCarthy (b'day ann.) Int. of Calum Swain

Please pray for those who are sick, for those who have died recently, and those whose 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 J. 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.

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Dear parishioners,

The middle of the summer is a holiday time for many. For many of our young people, though, it can be a time of anxiety and worry as they await exam results. We keep all young people in our prayers at this time. To this end, I'm offering a Mass this Friday evening to pray for young people for their encouragement, discernment, and guidance. Perhaps you could join me in praying for this intention on Friday?

On Tuesday, we celebrate St Clare's feast day and it's wonderful we have the Baptism of Eric on that day too. Pope Leo visited Assisi last week and shared some wonderful words. Here is one of his reflections to the young people asking him questions:

"Around Jesus, men and women who otherwise would never have met or spent time together become brothers and sisters. When this miracle of the Church continues to take place, thanks be to God, it remains astonishing even today in our cities, which are filled with invisible walls separating people from one another. How many forms of discrimination and inequality can end immediately once we recognize one another as brothers and sisters!"

With my prayers and blessings, Fr. Ryan.

SACRAMENTS

We welcome into the family of the Church Harris and Jasper who were Baptised last Saturday at St Augustine's church. We pray for Eric who will be Baptised this coming Tuesday. May God bless them and their families.

This weekend we look forward to welcoming the newly ordained Fr Jonathan Henry who will join us to celebrate the 10:30am Mass on Sunday. We pray for him as he begins his ministry in the Archdiocese. He studied at the English College in Rome. Perhaps you haven't met a recently ordained priest in a while – it's a tradition to receive 'first blessings' from a newly ordained priest.

An important note about Sacramental preparation for children who do not attend Catholic schools. If you would like your child to be prepared for First Holy Communion or Confirmation please speak to Fr Ryan after Mass.

Dates for the Sacraments:

Confirmation 4 November 2026

First Holy Communion 19 June 2027

Please register with Fr Ryan ready for the start of September.

Becoming Catholic. If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith or are looking to be Confirmed or joining the Church, please contact Fr Ryan in person, by email or phone and he will be happy to help.

THIS WEEK

CWL outing to Windsor on Thursday 13th August - all those who put their names down to go on this trip are kindly requested to be at St. Francis Church car park at around 8:15 for our departure at 8:30 sharp. Toilet facilities are available at the church.

SVP community warm hub runs on Tuesdays (10 to 12noon) in the parish centre. As always, everyone is welcome to pop in.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Fridays at 7pm. Come and spend some time in quiet prayer and reflection before the Lord. Do also feel free to come and pray in the church when it is usually open: St Francis (Sat, Sun, Mon, Tues, Fri) and St Augustine (Sun, Weds).

Rosary is prayed on Saturdays after the 10am Mass in the Day Chapel.

YEAR OF ST FRANCIS

Fundraising Update for New Parish Icons. Thank you. Thanks to all who have donated so far for our newly commissioned parish icons depicting St. Francis and St. Clare, using some local material from Assisi. We are nearly there, having raised **£1,951of our target of £2,000.** If you would like to donate, please use the QR code on this newsletter, the contactless machine, or place an offering in an envelope and post in the presbytery.

Be involved in the St Francis Flower Festival 12-20th September All the arrangements are inspired by the beautiful St Francis poem 'The canticle of the creatures' We wondered if parishioners might like to write a special dedication (to a person or event close to them) to be included in an arrangement ? Please contact a member of the group or call us on 07974 411591 if you are interested.

Save the Date: Parish Mini-Pilgrimage, 12th September from St Augustine's to St Francis of Assisi church including stops along the way for lunch and pilgrim liturgy. Meet at 11:30 at St Augustine's on Beehive hill. All ages and abilities welcome, pushchairs encouraged! Bring a picnic. To find out more, or to volunteer to help, please send an email to naomiruthannie@gmail.com

OTHER

Altar Servers – Guild of St Stephen anniversary. We have received a certificate to mark 60 years of affiliation to the Guild of St Stephen in St Francis church. The guild was set up for altar servers in our parish in July 1966. We are blessed to have our altar servers and there is always room for new altar servers. Training is provided. Please speak to Fr Ryan or Fr David to find out more.

Children's Liturgy is now on a summer break. Thanks to all helpers and volunteers who look after this programme over the year. We look forward to it starting again in September.

The annual Pilgrimage Mass at Harvington Hall is on Sunday 6 September. This year's principal celebrant will be His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, assisted by Archbishop Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham. The day will include:

Confessions: 1.45pm to 2.30pm *Mass:* 3pm

Visitors are asked to bring their own chairs and a packed lunch.

The Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference takes place at St John's Hotel, Solihull, from Monday 10 - Friday 14 August. For more information please see their website: https://www.bccrc.org.uk/index.html

Fr Ryan is running a webinar for the Tablet looking at the poems that shape our faith. Wednesday 26 August 6-7pm. For tickets and more information please see link on parish website and Facebook page.

FINANCIAL MATTERS – *Thank you for your generosity*

Offertory Collection 2/8: £485

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