

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

27th September 2020 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year (A)

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SOLEMNITY OF ST FRANCIS

Whenever a Saint's feast day falls on a Sunday, the Sunday would always take precedence. There are certain exceptions, e.g. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter and St. Paul. Another occasion is when a parish's patron feast falls on a Sunday. It is raised to the status of Solemnity (equal to Sunday) and



therefore can be observed for the Masses on that Sunday. Therefore next Sunday, 4th October, we shall be celebrating the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron of our parish. What you will notice if you attend Mass that day is that the wall candles shall be lit around the Church, twelve in all. These depict the place where the Bishop anointed the walls with the oil of Chrism when the Church was consecrated back in 1982. It is on the feast day of the parish's patron and the anniversary of the Church's consecration that we do this (in our case 26th September). Usually we have been able on this day to celebrate Mass with our parish Catholic Primary School, but because of the current situation we are not able to do so this year. During the 10am livestream Mass next Sunday we shall be giving a particular mention to the school and offering a particular blessing.

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.