



SAINT PHILIP NERI

CATHOLIC PARISH BIRKENHEAD

SERVING THE CHURCHES OF
SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
AND SAINT JOSEPH

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 21 November 2021



“Climate change it is the poorest countries that suffer most”

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Church
Saturday	20	Ferial		10.30am 11am 5.15pm 6pm	Benjamin O'Connell Adoration & Confessions Confessions Priest's intention	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	21	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe	Week II	<i>Ordinary Time</i>		
During Ordinary Time (Autumn) ie, from September to Christ the King we are asked to pray for these intentions: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; the Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.				9.30am 11.00am 5pm	Winnie & Bert Williams Wedding Anniv November List Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Monday	22	Saint Cecilia	Memorial	9.15am	Rita Wilkinson	Saint Michael's
Tuesday	23	Ferial		2pm 7pm	Funeral Service Edith Vinten Sister Mary Dorothy RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's
Wednesday	24	Saints Andrew Dung-Lac, P & Companions	Memorial	9.15am	Vincent McMullin RIP Anniversary	Saint Joseph's
Thursday	25	Ferial		9.15am	Mrs Rose Agbim	Saint Michael's
Friday	26	Ferial		9.15am	Bosco Fernandes (Birthday)	Saint Joseph's
Saturday	27	Ferial		10.30am 11am 5.15pm 6pm	NO MASS First Holy Communion (restricted nos) Confessions Peter Birch RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	28	First Sunday of Advent	Week I			
During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers				9.30am 11.00am 5pm	November List Samuel & Martina Pickering Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's

Canon Niall writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This weekend is the Solemnity of 'Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe' or 'Christ the King' as it is sometimes known. It is the last Sunday of this Church Year, before we begin again next weekend on the First Sunday of Advent. The Church Year remembers 'recalls' the promise of God, then the Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Gift of the Holy Spirit of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and our call to live all that we have called to mind in the Church year. The Kingdom of God whose culmination we celebrate on Christ the King is not just something for the future, not a 'country' or a 'place' but an attitude of heart that breaks into our 'here and now'. We find the clue in the preface of today that speaks of "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace". Whenever we seek to live those values, the Kingdom of God breaks in and touches lives. It is about all of us; so many have sought to live and make those values real and present over these months. We are encouraged today that every one of can make the Kingdom of God alive and present today!

Prayer to the Holy Spirit – please pray this prayer every day

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Newsletter Deadline: 9am Thursday morning.

Laudato Si: In June 2015 Pope Francis published his Encyclical Letter entitled 'Laudato Si' meaning 'Praised be you'. This is from St Francis' Prayer celebrating creation. This letter of Pope Francis was on our call to care for creation in the light of the climate crisis. This letter has inspired many, and in this time of challenge for our climate each week on the top of the Newsletter we are producing a different quote from 'Laudato Si' to help us reflect on how each one of us can make a real difference by our choices and actions

November Lists: As in previous years we will be maintaining in both churches a November list of all those who have died and you wish to remember. Please submit names using the Month of Holy Souls Envelopes provided and include your offering. The first page will be those whose funerals have been held through our parish including those who have gone directly to the Crematorium. This list will be made available on the website as well.

Bereavement Liturgy: Our annual Bereavement Liturgy will take place at St Michael & All Angels on Thursday 25th November 2021 at 7pm. We are inviting the families who have lost a loved one over the last two years and whose funerals have been celebrated in our parish community to join us so that as a community we can gather to pray for their loved one as well as offering support for each other. During the liturgy their names will be read out. Grief is not an emotion that can have a time limit placed on it and so we invite everyone who has suffered a loss of a loved one to join us, if you would like their name to be included, please email the Parish office or let one of the clergy team know. For those who are unable to attend the Liturgy will be live streamed as well.

Covid Updates: As restrictions are lifted in society, please continue to:

- *Not come to church if you are unwell or have Covid symptoms*
- *Use hand sanitiser as you enter and leave church*
- *Wear your face mask to cover your nose and mouth (unless you are except.)*
- *Please give your details for track and trace or scan the QR code*
- *Do not offer the sign of peace - it remains suspended*
- *Place your offering in the baskets provided or give online via the parish website. If you want details about setting up a standing order please contact the Parish Office)*
- *Follow the directions of our wonderful stewards*

If you wish to continue to socially distance please take a couple of signs and place them either side of you on the bench (please return the signs at the end of Mass). Please respect others need for distance at this time. Please keep your mask on if singing.

Parishioners who are Housebound or who are unable to join us at Mass. If you know of anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion at home, can you ask them or help them to contact our Parish Secretary Jane on 652 5767 or admin@saint-philip-neri.co.uk We will then make the necessary arrangements. Thank you.

Father Humphrey: Father Humphrey wished me to pass on his thanks and appreciation for the generosity that was shown to him in helping him get home to Nigeria for his mother, Mrs Rose Agbim's Funeral. He is deeply grateful. His mother's Funeral Mass will take place in Nigeria this coming Thursday, 25th November. I will be offering the 9.15am Mass at St Michael's that day as a Memorial Mass for Mrs Rose Agbim.

House-keeping: The heating system in both our Churches is now up and running, but it might be advisable to dress warmly still. We are working on arrangements to improve the sound system at St Joseph's.

Baptisms: If you want to have your child (under the age of 7) baptised, please contact the Parish Office to ask for a Baptism Preparation information leaflet and to book on to one of the Preparation meetings. Please note at least one of the parents must be a Catholic, and both the Godparents must be practising Catholics, for the baptism to take place in a Catholic Church.

The parish weekly rosary continues each Monday at 1.15pm from the comfort of your own home.

**The Safeguarding Representatives for our parish are
Saint Michael's - Mairie Gelling mobile 07771636925 &
Saint Joseph's - Marie Fisher 01516701767**

Easyfundraising: If you're not supporting us yet, please sign up now. It takes 2 minutes & 5,900+ shops will donate to us for free every time you shop with them! if you are an internet shopper, use www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stphilipneri/ and register to support your parish by doing your normal online shopping. Thank you in anticipation.

The Marian Lamp: burns each week in both our churches for particular prayer intentions. This week the Lamp in Saint Joseph's burns for **The November List**. The Lamp in Saint Michael's burns for **Bernadette O'Neill**. Please keep both of these intentions in your prayers. If you would like the lamp to burn for a particular prayer intention, then please write your intention out and place it with an offering (we suggest £5) in an envelope marked "Marian Lamp". We ask Our Blessed Lady to carry these prayers to her Son and to intercede for us.

Bethlehem 2021: We have managed to get Mary and Joseph 2.84 miles along their journey to Bethlehem in a

year, we also set a target of raising £2021 in the same year, which we smashed. Please continue to bring in your coins, we would like to set a new target completing the third mile, which would be another 13081 pence or £130.81. All money raised will go towards the Parish. We are asking for all types of coins from 1 pence pieces to £2 coins. So far we have received **£2403.59**. A HUGE Thank you, please keep saving your coins.

Churches Together: In Saint Joseph's church we are praying this week for those in the following roads: **Dickens Ave, Dickens Close, Durley Dr, Harrowby Rd South, Harrowby Rd, Hawthorne Rd & Heathbank Rd.**

Caritas at Christmas Appeal 2021: There will be a collection on the weekend of 27th/28th November. Thank you for your support. Your donations will go to those in the most vulnerable situations across the Diocese, ensuring they have a Christmas meal and gifts to celebrate the Nativity of Christ and create happy memories in a time of crisis

Christmas Raffle - we are organising a grand Christmas Raffle in December and we are appealing for prizes of spirits, wine, biscuits and chocolates. Donations can either be given to Liz Brookes at St Joseph's or Andy Collins at St Michael's or at the Parish Office. If you would like to enter the raffle please put your donation £1 a go into an envelope with your name and contact details and how many goes. Thank you.

Gingerbread Stables: This year we will be decorating Gingerbread Stables again with the Children. More details will be available in the newsletter next week.

St Michael's Ladies' Group Christmas Celebrations will be on Thursday 2nd of December in the Old Presbytery, 7 for 7.30. Due to Covid restrictions we are unable to have a shared table this year, however, a light supper including a drink will be provided for a nominal charge of £4. For catering purposes please could you let Sally Collins know on 07907122556 or email at sally.collins29@hotmail.co.uk or contact Trish Ashton or Liz Wardale if you intend to attend or have any dietary requirements. Please could you bring a raffle prize with you, thank you. Face coverings must be worn.

CAFOD world gifts catalogues have arrived and have been placed at the back of church. Please take one home as a way to buy non-consumer Christmas gifts. It's a wonderful way to support the work of CAFOD especially during Advent. Buying world gifts is a small way of making the world a better place. They are great gifts to give to friends and family and can make a real change in the world. Your continued support makes a massive difference. Thank you

CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies) Continues in November with in-person classes

on Thursday morning at St Columba's Chester. There is also an online learning option. An excellent course for anyone who would like to learn more about our faith or lead in a school or parish. Please Register in advance at ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality 12th December 2021 - Mass to Celebrate 70 years of the Lourdes pilgrimage - 3pm - St Vincent's Knutsford, WA16 6HR celebrated by Bishop Mark followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Please note there will be **Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Meeting** before the Mass at 1.30pm. This meeting will take the form of a hybrid meeting, with both the option to attend in-person or via Zoom. Please note for this meeting Zoom will be audio only. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83473360425?pwd=blluU1Jt bTRTMjJuL0hQRTNlQnFRdz09> Meeting ID: 834 7336 0425. If you could please register your attendance and make any requests for the password, apologies or items for the agenda to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267

Dates for your Diary

Bereavement Service

7pm Thursday 25th November 2021

St Michael and All Angels - Service to be live streamed

Advent Reflection

7pm Wednesday 22nd December 2021

St Joseph's Church

Mass Times for Christmas period

Friday 24th December 2021 - Christmas Eve

5.30pm Family Mass at St Michael and All Angels - Live Streamed

10.00pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 25th December 2021- Christmas Day

9.30am Mass St Joseph's

11.00am Mass St Michael & All Angels - Live streamed

Sunday 26th December 2021 - Boxing Day

9.30am Mass St Joseph's

11.00am Mass St Michael & All Angels - Live streamed

No evening Mass

Monday 27th December 2021 - Bank Holiday

12 Noon Mass at St Michael & All Angels - Live streamed

Tuesday 28th December 2021 - Bank Holiday

12 Noon Mass at St Joseph's

**Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of
Rose Agbim, Joan Deery, Jo Thomas, Edith Vinten and
Anne Elcock**

who have died recently
*May they rest in peace in the arms of the
Good Shepherd*

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon		<i>The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour: to him be glory and power for ever</i>
Reading 1	Dan 7:13-14	<i>His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty.</i>
Psalm	Ps 92:1-2. 5 r.1	<i>The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.</i>
Reading 2	Rev 1:5-8	<i>Rulers of the kings of the earth... he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Mark 11:9. 10	<i>Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!</i>
Gospel	John 18:33-37	<i>It is you who say that I am a king.</i>
Communion Antiphon		<i>The Lord will reign for ever and will give his people the gift of peace</i>

Parish Team:

Parish Priest: Canon Niall Mullaley
Assistant Priest: Reverend Father Humphrey Agbim
Deacons: Reverends Gerard Boyle, Patrick Regan, Les Arch, Paul D'Ambrogio & John Birch
Parish Sister: Sister Catherine Bibby FCJ
Youth Minister: Clare Williams ✉ clare.williams@dioceseofshrewsbury.org ☎ 07803414669

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Live Stream: www.churchservices.tv/woodchurch

Parish YouTube Channel: via www.saint-philip-neri.co.uk

Income: Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Collection: £539.68

Monthly Standing Orders: £1858.50

Development Society: November 14th £50 072 Chris Eyre

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Saint Joseph's Parish Centre

THE PARISH CENTRE IS CLOSED
AS MAJOR WORK HAS TO BE UNDERTAKEN
ON THE ROOF

Saint Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Woodchurch Road, Oxton CH43 5UT

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[Saint Michael's Church Tour Video](#) is now available to view by accessing the button on the front page of the website or the QR codes on the posters at Church