

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 19 June 2022



“Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently”

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Church
Saturday	18	Ferial		10.00am 5.15pm 6pm	First Holy Communion Mass Confession Pat, Joe & Brendan Fortune	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	19	The Body and Blood of Christ	Week IV	Ordinary Time		
During Ordinary Time (Summer) i.e. up to September, we are asked to pray for these intentions: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers				9.30am 11.00am 5pm	Bernard Sherlock RIP John Smith Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Monday	20	Ferial		9.15am 2pm	Margaret Slattery Funeral Service for Christopher Boyle	Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Tuesday	21	St Aloysius Gonzaga		7pm	James Farrell birthday remembrance	Saint Joseph's
Wednesday	22	Saints John Fisher & Thomas More		9.15am	Godwin Raymon Mahendran birthday	Saint Joseph's
Thursday	23	The Nativity of St John The Baptist		9.15am	Samuel & Martina Pickering	Saint Michael's
Friday	24	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus		9.15am	70 th Ordination Anniversary Canon Timothy Harrington	Saint Joseph's
Saturday	25	The Immaculate Heart of Mary		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6pm	Patricia McGill Adoration & Confession Confession Harold, Winnie & Billy	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	26	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Week I			
				9.30am 11.00am 5pm	Parishioners Phyllis Griffiths RIP Christopher Boyle RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's

Canon Niall writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, 'Corpus Christi', or more properly 'Corpus et Sanguis Christi'. This special day reminds us that as we journey back into the Church's Ordinary Time, all we celebrated and recalled in Holy Week and Eastertide, is available to us, and part of in the gift of the Body & Blood of Christ to give us strength on the journey. As we recalled on Holy Thursday, when Jesus said 'This is my Body' he was not just referring to 'flesh and bone' but his 'totality', everything that made him who he was, all he had done, all he had achieved or would achieve, his whole 'story'. When he said 'This is my Blood' he was again, not just referring to 'red and white cells', 'plasma' and the like, but his whole 'life force'. Therefore when he said 'This is my Body, this is my Blood, do this to remember (recall) me', Jesus was inviting to share his whole Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Gift of the Holy Spirit; that his story becomes interwoven with our story, that as we receive the totality of God in Holy Communion, his Body & Blood, becomes part of our body & blood, enabling all of us together to be the Body of Christ in the here and now. Today we take fresh heart, that through our sharing in the Holy Eucharist, together with the whole Church throughout the world, we can be the living presence of Christ today!

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

Come O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle 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 taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Newsletter Deadline: 9am Thursday morning

2021/22 Parish Accounts: These are now available to view on the Noticeboard in both churches.

Funeral Mass for Monsignor Christopher Lightbound: Monsignor Canon Chris Lightbound has been a huge part of our Diocese of Shrewsbury for a long time, and was well known to many. His Vigil and Reception into Church Mass takes place at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 22nd June and his Funeral Mass on Thursday, 23rd June at 12.30pm, both at Christ the King, Bromborough. As space and parking is extremely limited a special livestream has been set up, and this is available through: https://youtu.be/U2_nFVbh8yw

Prayer Times before the Blessed Sacrament: On Tuesday evenings at St Joseph's from 6.00pm to 7.00pm, before the 7.00pm Mass and at St Michael's on Thursday mornings from 8.45am to 9.15am, before the 9.15am Mass. At a time when many people feel the need to pray it is good to remember that we have these opportunities for quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament each week in the Parish.

'Peace Shrines': In both our Churches there are spaces for prayer 'Peace Shrines' where people can spend a few moments, when visiting Church, to make their prayers, and place a symbol of their concern and hope. At the prayer station you will find a card. Please write your prayer on the back, fold in half with the dove inside, open and stand on the table. At this crucial time try to find time and space in prayer for peace, reconciliation and a just use of our world's resources.

Restoration of the Offertory Procession: As of last weekend the Offertory Procession of the Bread and Wine for Mass has been restored in both our Churches.

Parish Platinum Jubilee celebration! Thank you to everyone who helped organise and make the day so special. Thank you also to everyone who came along and joined in the celebrations.

Health & Safety Measures: Now that COVID-19 Regulations have eased we ask that people still use the Hand Sanitiser provided. Do please continue to wear a face mask if you are more comfortable doing so.

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

The Marian Lamp: burns each week in both our churches for particular prayer intentions. This week the Lamp in Saint Joseph's burns for **James Farrell RIP birthday remembrance**. The Lamp in Saint Michael's burns for **Madeleine & safe arrival of baby Josephine**. 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.

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.

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

St Michael's Ladies' Group will meet on Thursday 7th July, 7.00 for a talk from Alison Grimshaw who has recently been working in a refugee camp in Slovakia - Camp Zilina in Slovakia was set up recently for 300 Ukrainian refugees, it is now supporting 3000. 80% of the people in the camp are women and children. Alison and her friend Yvonne representing Nurturing International, went to Camp Zilina recently to help train 50 Ukrainian teachers and volunteers who will be working with the children. All are welcome to join us in St Michael's old Presbytery. This will be our last meeting until September

St Joseph's flowers: Thank you for the kind donation towards the flowers at St Joseph's. If you would like to make a donation please see Liz Brookes.

St Michael's Tea and Coffee has started again after the 11am Mass on Sunday. Please come and join us.

Foodbank: Please remember there is a continuing need for food. Donations of long life items always welcome e.g. Tinned vegetables, fruit, meat, fish. There is a donation box at the back of St Joseph's Church.

St Michael Missio Boxes: Please collect your new boxes from the back of church near the piety shop. Can any boxes that need emptying be brought back before the end of June. There are also some Missio magazines etc if anyone would like these.

Urgent need: The Vincent Centre, Grange Road, Birkenhead (SVP) is in desperate need of good quality clothes that they give out free to those in need. They especially need clothes for 0 – 5 year olds. If you are a parent, Grandparent etc and can donate, please either take them to the Vincent Centre or contact Mary Dyer on 07752 164181, Many thanks.

Lourdes overland by Jumbulance: Chester and Liverpool Across Groups are taking sick and disabled people to Lourdes on Thursday 7th to Saturday 16th July, departing Liverpool and Thursday 14th to Saturday 23rd July departing from St Columba's, Chester. They desperately need helpers (must be fully COVID vaccinated). Cost £950 – but financial help may be available. For enquiries, please contact Tony Murphy on 0788 1656974 or tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk. www.across.org.uk and search for AJ's story.

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.

Vacancies have arisen at St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Poynton for Teacher (part time), Teaching Assistants, School Office Administrative Assistant and a Caretaker. Further details can be found on our website. <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/education-department-vacancies>

Diocesan vacancies: Two vacancies have arisen within the Diocese of Shrewsbury. **PA to the Director of Schools and Team member for the**

Shrewsbury Youth Mission team. Details for both posts can be found on the Diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies

Closing date Friday 24 June.

Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch via email

recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Bethlehem 2022 Onward: Please continue to bring in your coins. All money raised will go towards the Parish. So far we have received **£2792.94**. 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:

Marquis St, Maybank Rd, Mapleton Close, Melford Dr, Melrose Gardens, Merlin Rd & Mill Close.

Laudato Si: In June 2015 this letter of Pope Francis was on our call to care for creation in the light of the climate crisis. It 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

Welcome to
Lucien Nethercott who was baptised in our Parish
last weekend

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of
Margaret Eccles, Joyce Perham (*baptised in St
Joseph's Church 97 years ago*), Christopher (Chris)
Boyle, Father Paul Hughes and Monsignor
Christopher Lightbound who have died recently
*May they rest in peace in the arms of the
Good Shepherd*

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon	Cf Psalm 80:17	<i>He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock</i>
Reading 1	Gen 14:18-20	<i>He brought bread and wine</i>
Psalm	Ps 109:1-4 r.4	<i>You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.</i>
Reading 2	1 Cor 11:23-26	<i>Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord's death.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 6:51-52	<i>I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.</i>
Gospel	Luke 9:11-17	<i>They all ate as much as they wanted.</i>
Communion Antiphon	John 6:57	<i>Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord</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

Parish Office:

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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: £681.27

Monthly Standing Orders: £1858.50

Development Society: June 12th 345 Justice and Peace

The parish of Saint Philip Neri sometimes collects personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary and used by the Parish/Diocese for the benefit of the Parish and for legitimate reasons such as administrative and religious purposes. You can read our full privacy notice at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice.

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New Hey Road, Woodchurch, CH49 5LE
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Saint Joseph's Parish Centre

THE PARISH CENTRE IS CLOSED
 AS MAJOR WORK IS UNDERWAY
 ON THE ROOF

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[Saint Michael's Church Tour Video](#) view on the website or the QR codes on the posters at Church