



SAINT PHILIP NERI

CATHOLIC PARISH BIRKENHEAD

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

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 7 August 2022



“We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world .”

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Church
Saturday	6	The Transfiguration of The Lord		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6pm	Joan Breslin RIP Adoration & Confession Confession Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	7	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Week III			
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	Nigel Healy Anniversary Helen Henry Gordon Harrison RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Monday	8	St Dominic		9.30am	Requiem Mass for Sarah Patricia Kay	Saint Michael's
Tuesday	9	St Teresa Benedicta of The Cross		7pm	Brian McLoughlin Anniversary	Saint Joseph's
Wednesday	10	St Lawrence		9.15am	Intentions of Ron & Susan Hill	Saint Joseph's
Thursday	11	St Clare		9.15am 11am	Canon Niall Funeral Service for John Tidmarsh	Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Friday	12	Ferial		9.15am	Peter Louise Smith KSG RIP	Saint Joseph's
Saturday	13	Ferial		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6pm	Agnes McGinn birthday remembrance Adoration & Confession Confession Michael Tobin	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	14	The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary	Week IV	Ordinary Time		
				9.30am 11.00am 5pm	Father Michael Raisewell RIP Margaret Bond Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's

Canon Niall writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This weekend there is a message of staying alert to God's presence, and persevering in faith and trust. We are asked not to grow complacent, but realising that we are given God's gifts in trust we are invited to follow that way in faith. When we hear in the scriptures about somebody recognising the presence of God, it is not so often that God 'appears' from somewhere, or comes in a blaze of glory, but rather something that has happened, or something that is said, makes them 'twig' that God has been there all along! It suddenly becomes obvious and they see what has been right in front of their faces and under their noses! I know in certain times in my life when my spiritual vision may have been blinkered by my concerns, worries and agenda, it may have been something someone has said or done, some moment in prayer and worship that has 'reset' my spiritual vision, made me realise that God's presence has been there all along, it just wasn't 'tuned in' to fully see it! We come to Mass, take time in prayer, seek to live the life of the Gospel, which helps us to be 'tuned in' to recognise the many ways God is at work, and realising that gift in faith, we can in turn help others to see and recognise God's action and presence with us

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

Update on the use of the Old Presbytery at St

Michael's: There has been a lot of speculation about the future of the Old Presbytery at St Michael's since the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT) moved a lot of their stuff from there to their additional facilities in Brinnington, in the Stockport area of our Diocese. SYMT are not moving out entirely, but are keeping a presence there to use as a 'working base' when they are operating in this part of the Diocese. When the SYMT are back from Lourdes we will be meeting with them and will have a better idea of the potential use for the building. Good use will be found, and it certainly has not been abandoned. People are aware of areas that need to be tidied up, unless this has already been arranged with us, we ask that, for now, people stay within the areas for public use, the ground floor meeting room and kitchen. This is just to help keep everything safe until we can work out the longer term future.

We would especially ask, again unless this has been arranged with us, that people keep clear of the old office. Last weekend the router in the office was accidentally turned off, this resulted in the Livestream in Church going down for about 48 hours. Thankfully someone realised the cause of the problem and was able to turn the router back on in time for a Funeral on Wednesday where relatives, who could not attend, were relying on the Livestream for them to take part.

We will keep you updated and appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Peace Shrines: These are still available in both our churches.

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.

Ground Maintenance: Help is needed to tidy up the grounds at both churches. We intend to have a working party day at both sites so if you are able to help please hand in your names and contact details labelled Grounds Crew.

Bethlehem 2022 Onward: Please continue to bring in your coins. All money raised will go towards the Parish. So far we have received **£2836.50**. A HUGE Thank you, please keep saving your coins.

Security around St Michael's Church: There have been several incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour around St Michael's Church for which we have received apologies. Diligence is still needed so during the summer if passing just glance across and check the premises, we do not wish to chase the youths and their footballs away but if you do see them on the roof please contact the Police and report the matter, **please do not tackle the people yourselves**. We still advise that anyone visiting St Michael's site should be accompanied and not leave anyone vulnerable.

St Michael's Presbytery Letterbox has now been sealed due to the issues mentioned above. Please do not try to post anything through the letterbox rather take them to the sacristy.

Mass intentions: We are running low on Mass intentions for both Churches. If you would like an intention please write on an envelope who the intention is for and place your donation inside, many thanks.

The Marian Lamp: burns each week in both our churches for particular prayer intentions. This week the Lamp in Saint Joseph's burns for **Wise Leaders**. The Lamp in Saint Michael's burns for **Helen Henry**. 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 07771636925
&
Saint Joseph's - Marie Fisher 01516701767**

Foodbank: Please remember there is a continuing need for food. Donations of long life items always welcome e.g. Tinned vegetables, fruit, meat, fish. Please leave your donations at the back Church.

Hearts 4refugees been assigned to care for 30 asylum seekers who have been placed on the Wirral by the government. They are in desperate need of toiletries, new socks and underwear. We'd be so grateful if you can help with donating any of these items. Please place in the box labelled Hearts 4Refugees which will be in the foyer near the food bank box. If you have any questions or want further information please don't hesitate to contact me. Mary Dyer 07752164181 Many thanks for your help with this appeal. Mary.

Church flowers: A big thank you to everyone who has kindly donated money towards the flowers at St Michael's and St Joseph's. It is greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation please speak to Gill Gaunt at St Michael's and Liz Brookes at St Joseph's, many thanks.

Churches Together: In Saint Joseph's church we are praying this week for those in the following roads:

Edinburgh Drive, Elm Rd North, Heswall Ave, Highgreen Rd, Hillside Rd, Holborn Hill, Durley Park Close.

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.

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

Tommy Hoy: We have had an enquiry from a David Atkinson who is looking for a long lost friend by the name of Tommy Hoy who he thinks has returned to Birkenhead and was a Catholic. If anyone knows a Tommy Hoy who knows David Atkinson could they ask him to contact the office on 652 5767.

Across charity to Lourdes: Urgent! Helpers required for pilgrimage to Lourdes with Across charity. Overland by Jumbulance from Chester. Departs Thursday 8th September and returns Saturday 17th September. Must have GB passport and be COVID vaccinated. Further details from Tony Murphy 07881 656 974 or email tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk

The Development Society: The Development Society is drawn every week and is run along the lines of 100 club, Saints club in order to raise money for repair and maintenance of our Parish. With a view to growing energy bills we would like to put a little in reserve to help out. If you are not a member of the Development Society and would like to join please pick up a form from the back of church. Membership is £1 per week, every week and with present numbers we offer winning prizes of £50 every week and on the 10th week £500. You may use either bankers standing order or envelopes provided. Many thanks.

Welcome to Hallie Mae Warren and Leo Michael James Ryley who were baptised in the Parish last weekend

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of Sarah 'Pat' Kay, John Tidmarsh and Alice Oldham

*May they rest in peace
in the arms of the Good Shepherd*

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon	Psalm 73:20.19.22.23	<i>Look to your covenant, o Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.</i>
Reading 1	Wis 18:6-9	<i>By the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.</i>
Psalm	Ps 32: 1. 12. 18-20. 22 r. 12	<i>Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.</i>
Reading 2	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19	<i>Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	cf. Matt 11:25	<i>Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.</i>
Gospel	Luke 12:32-48	<i>You too must stand ready.</i>
Communion Antiphon	Psalm 147:12. 14	<i>O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat</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
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Parish YouTube Channel: via www.saint-philip-neri.co.uk

Income: Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Collection: £880.37

Monthly Standing Orders: £1884.00

Development Society: July 24th 546 £50 Shirley Birch

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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