

NEWSLETTER



SAINT PHILIP NERI
CATHOLIC PARISH BIRKENHEAD

Sunday 9 June 2024

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

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Church
Saturday	8	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Joseph Kzhakkekuttu 60 th Birthday Adoration & Confessions Confession The departed who have no one to pray for them	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	9	Tenth Sunday Ordinary Time	Week II			
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 5.00pm	Parishioners Father Tom Morton Anniversary Priest's Intention	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Monday	10	Ferial		9.15am	Martina Pickering	Saint Michael's
Tuesday	11	St Barnabas		12.noon 7.00pm	Funeral Mass for John Hunt Henshaw and Blackburn Families	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's
Wednesday	12	Ferial		9.15am	Flynn Family Intention	Saint Joseph's
Thursday	13	St Anthony of Padua		9.15am	Baby Paul Smith	Saint Michael's
Friday	14	Ferial		9.15am	Wendy Besley Intention	Saint Joseph's
Saturday	15	Ferial		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Michael Berry RIP Adoration & Confessions Confession John Hunt RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	16	Eleventh Sunday Ordinary Time	Week III			
				9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Linda McGibbon 1 st Anniversary In thanksgiving (Jyothi Maria) Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's

Canon Niall writes....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Now that we have completed the special Solemnities that follow the end of Eastertide we return to the Sunday Cycle of Reading for Year B of the Lectionary. On this Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time the First Reading comes from the Old Testament Book of Genesis, and reflects the results of 'Sin' the deliberate choice to go against God's way. Adam and Eve realise that their 'choice' has distorted their vision of God and creation, they see their 'nakedness'. They try to blame each other, Adam blames Eve, Eve the Serpent! Eventually they have to face their own 'Sin' and the results it brings. Even though they have chosen against God's way, God does not give up on them or cease caring; he even makes clothes for them! In today's Gospel God's 'Way' has become flesh in Jesus! Yet many around are so blinded by their own agendas and expectations they don't see what is right in front of them; others feel threatened or challenged by him. Jesus' own family only see their relative, they don't see the action and presence of God, they are blinded by what they 'think' that they know. Some of the religious teachers feel threatened by the actions they see at work in Jesus, they blame his actions on evil. We come to Mass to have our vision 'retuned' to the way of God. In a time when so many in our world, near and far, put other people in categories and 'boxes' of their own expectations, often to justify their actions and plans, we seek to be refreshed in the vision of God that we may 'see' with God's vision, feel with God's 'heart' and knowing our own need, seek God's grace, so that in receiving it, we may live it and share what we have received

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.

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Safeguarding Representatives Saint Michael's - Mairie Gelling & Saint Joseph's - Marie Fisher

New Lectionaries from First Sunday of Advent: The 'Lectionary' is the book which we read from at Mass and other Services, from which passages from the Bible are set out to be read across the Liturgical Year. It is a long time since these have been updated; and from the First Sunday of Advent next across England, Wales and Scotland our present versions will be replaced with new ones taken from the English Standard Version of the Bible, Catholic Edition (ESV-CE). These come in four volumes and there is also a 'Book of the Gospels' to be used in procession and to emphasise the proclamation of the Gospel. We have pre-ordered two sets of the of the four volume editions and two Books of the Gospels for each of our Churches. By pre-ordering we have received a discount of £328-50p. Obviously these Books incur an expense, which has been £1,611-50p. This has been paid through one of our personal accounts and is being reimbursed. What many Churches are doing is inviting people to sponsor these new Lectionaries, and to make whatever donation they can toward these. There is space to write in the front of these books the name of any donors, or someone's name they would wish to dedicate their offering to. If you feel you would like to help in this way, please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of the Clergy.

New Sunday Missals: Updated versions of the Sunday Missal will be published on 14th October. These include the revised versions of the readings from the new Lectionary that will be used from the First Sunday of Advent. So that individuals do not have to pay delivery charges, the Parish can put in a bulk order (minimum 5 copies). If you would like to pre-order a copy, please put your details and money in an envelope marked Sunday Missal. Please hand the envelope to a member of the clergy or hand in to the Parish Office by Monday 24th June. The cost is £10 for the paperback version and £20 for the hardback version.

Cross Deanery Support: With some Clergy being off sick, and others not being available in our neighbouring Wallasey and West Wirral Deanery, Father Michael Coughlan from Holy Cross, Our Lady & St Paul Parish, Father Sam and myself will be covering English Martyrs' Church over several weekends into this June. Again, this is a time when we help and support each other as a Wirral Catholic Community.

DONA Card and Contactless Donation Station and Livestream at St Michael's: Due to an upgrade in the WIFI System the Payment Station at St Michael's is now back in use. The Livestream is temporarily unavailable while it is being connected to the new system. Hopefully it will be back soon.

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

An Evening with Dr Bill Keimig: This will be on Monday 24th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Wicker Ln, Hale Barns, Altrincham WA15 0HG. Dr Bill Keimig, from the Franciscan University of Steubenville in the USA, will lead an evening filled with laughter, inspiration and wisdom as he shares his insights and experiences of parish renewal and leading RCIA. This is open to all and especially to volunteers, catechists and those who are curious! This promises to be a fantastic evening, so please sign up early via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-with-dr-bill-keimig-tickets-902343853757>. For any further details please contact Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Mission Catechist natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or telephone 07730 526826.

Divine Mercy Celebration and Veneration of 1st Class Relic of St Faustina Led by Fr Peter Prusakiewicz from Poland, who travels the world proclaiming and explaining the Divine Mercy devotion and talking about his experience of St Michael the Archangel and Holy Angels. Please join us at St Anne's Rock Ferry from 12 noon to 2.30pm on Wednesday 19th June for Holy Mass and a talk, followed by a Eucharistic healing service with veneration of a 1st class relic of St Faustina. There will also be an opportunity to purchase rosaries and the Angels magazine.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion- Update: Thank you to those who have got in touch with us about this request. The title above is the formal term for those we know better as 'Eucharistic Ministers'. In the near future we are thinking it is now time to restore the option of receiving Holy Communion under both kinds. To help with this we would need to have some Eucharistic Ministers to assist. If any existing Eucharistic Ministers could please let us know if they are willing to continue, and if anyone else feels they might like to help with this role to speak to one of Clergy after Mass and we can then get arrangements made for meetings to prepare for this.

Churches Together: In Saint Joseph's church we are praying this week for those in the following roads: [Swan Court](#), [Temple Rd](#), [Thornton Rd](#), [Walker Mews](#), [Walker Place](#), & [Waring Ave](#).

Help needed to tidy St Joseph's Church grounds: Thursday 13th June after 10am. Please bring your own gardening tools.

Preparation for the General Election July 2024: To help us prepare for the upcoming General Election our Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have prepared some reflections on key issues for us as followers of Jesus to consider. These can be viewed on their Website: www.cbcew.org.uk

St Michael's Church Cleaning: This Thursday 13th June after 9.15am Mass. Many hands make light work! Any help greatly appreciated. Thanks to all those who have helped clean the Church recently.

Voluntary help needed to clean St Joseph's Church: First Thursday of the month from 9.30am onwards. A good way to meet other Parishioners and can be very rewarding. Tea and biscuits afterwards.

FCJ 1000 Pledges For The Earth: We aim to collect **1000+ pledges** of action that people will take in caring for our common homes (small or large). The initiative is designed around Laudate Deum paragraphs #70, and #71. which assures us that the significance of small actions in shaping cultural change. People are invited to do any small or large additional thing, pray, plant a flower, buy a bamboo toothbrush, use less plastic, etc etc. Take a card from the back of church. You can also make your pledge online using the following link: <https://bit.ly/FCJ1000Pledges>

In the words Pope Francis from Laudate Deum:-

#70. Every little bit helps, and avoiding an increase of a tenth of a degree in the global temperature would already suffice to alleviate some suffering for many people..

#71. Efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence, are creating a new culture. The mere fact that personal, family and community habits are changing is contributing to greater concern about the unfulfilled responsibilities of the political sectors and indignation at the lack of interest shown by the powerful

Every Penny Counts - our Bethlehem loose change collection has been rebranded to EVERY PENNY COUNTS. Please keep donating your loose change in the boxes provided. Our Bethlehem collection has raised £200.00 in the last three months, and about £700.00 in the last year. As our heating costs have more than doubled EVERY PENNY COUNTS and this money will help towards the costs, thank you.

Books St Michael's: Thank you very much for your donations of books to sell at St Michael's. Due to the overwhelming response and currently a surplus of books means our shelves are full, Many thanks.

St Michael's Missio boxes: Please bring your red boxes back to St Michael's and collect your new ones, Many thanks.

Old Spectacles: Please bring any old unused glasses and leave them at the back of church at St Joseph's. They will be taken to a charity who send them on to Africa, Many thanks.

Parishioners who are Housebound: 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 0151 652 5767 or admin@saint-philip-neri.co.uk

Foodbank: Thank you for your continued support of Wirral Foodbank over the years. Donations of long life items always welcome e.g. Tinned vegetables, fruit, meat, fish. Please leave your donations at the back Church, many thanks.

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary at the parish of St Anne's, Rock Ferry. **Hours:** 15 per week, to be spread over Monday to Friday mornings (flexible). **hourly rate:** £14.00. For further details please see the Diocesan Website

<https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Applications in the form of a CV and covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch

recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Closing date: Friday 22 June 2024.

A Christian film *Unsung Hero* (PG) is showing at **The Light cinema New Brighton:**

Fri. 14th June at 5.20pm,

Sat. 15th June at 8.15pm

Sun. 16th June at 5.20pm,

Mon. 17th June at 2.45pm

Tues. 18th June at 5pm,

Wed. 19th June at 2.20pm

Thurs. 20th June at 11.30am

recommended as a family treat to celebrate Father's Day. The unsung hero of the film's title is a dad whose six children have musical ambitions even from a young age - it's a true story. **To see the trailer, details and to book go to:** newbrighton.thelight.co.uk/cinema/guide

Welcome to Cora Leigh McNicholas-Murphy who was baptised in the Parish last weekend

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of John Hunt whose funeral will be held on 11th June at 12 noon in St Joseph's and all those who have died recently
May they rest in peace
in the arms of the Good Shepherd

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon	cf. psalm 26:1-2	<i>The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall</i>
Reading 1	Gen 3:9-15	<i>I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring.</i>
Psalm	Ps 129 r. 7	<i>With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.</i>
Reading 2	2 Cor 4:13—5:1	<i>We believe, and therefore we speak.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 14:23	<i>If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.</i>
Gospel	Mark 3:20-35	<i>It is the end of Satan.</i>
Communion Antiphon	Psalm 17:3	<i>The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength</i>

Parish Team:

Parish Priest: Canon Niall Mullaley
 Assistant Priest: Father Samuel Thotamala
 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

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Offertory Collection: 2nd June £1124.02

Monthly Standing Orders: £1625

Development Society No: 2nd June £50 076 Chris Eyre

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