

NEWSLETTER



SAINT PHILIP NERI
CATHOLIC PARISH BIRKENHEAD

Sunday 7 July 2024

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

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Church
Saturday	6	Ferial		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Priest's intention Adoration & Confessions Confession John Hunt RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	7	Fourteenth 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 Kathleen Boyle 3 rd Anniversary RIP Priest's intention	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Monday	8	Ferial		9.15am	Francis Green RIP	Saint Michael's
Tuesday	9	Ferial		7.00pm	Christine Murphy RIP	Saint Joseph's
Wednesday	10	Ferial		9.15am 12.noon	Christopher Duke RIP Funeral Mass for Victoria Perzynski	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's
Thursday	11	St Benedict		9.15am	Andrew Pacey RIP	Saint Michael's
Friday	12	Ferial		9.15am	George Forber RIP	Saint Joseph's
Saturday	13	Ferial		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Catherine (Kate) Richardson 3 rd Anniversary, A very special Mum Adoration & Confessions Confession Fr Owen 5 th Anniversary of Ordination	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	14	Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time	Week III			
				9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Kevin Rees Anniversary Gerry Byrne Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's

Canon Niall writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Continuing our Ordinary Time Year B Readings, this weekend's Gospel of St Mark reflects Jesus not being recognised for who he truly is, but being seen with the eyes of prejudice, jealousy and presupposition by people in his home town. This is a trap all of us can fall into. It is easy to look at others, and certain situations, through the eyes of our own agendas, presuppositions and prejudice. This can be especially the case when we 'think we know someone'. This is what happened to Jesus in Nazareth. If we think that someone will always act in the same way, when we have 'formed an opinion of them', we can easily see and hear anything they do in that light. This can blind us to the good that this person, or group might actually be doing and maybe even preventing them from change and growth. That is why it is so important to come to Jesus in the Sacraments when we can, to spend time in prayer, allow our faith to influence our actions and outlook, so that our spiritual vision can be opened, and re-tuned to the vision of Christ and recognise his presence 'right in front of us' in the people and circumstances we are in. St Paul in today's Second Reading knows his need of God's help and recognises that in his weakness, God is there to help see beyond his own presuppositions and know a different kind of 'strength, rooted in God's vision. May this vision give us the 'strength of God' to move forward and share that vision and outlook in our lives

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: Thank you for the fantastic support we have received so far with this. If you still feel you would like to donate to these, please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of the Clergy.

New Sunday Missals: Have now been ordered. If you ordered a copy we will let you know when they have arrived later in the year.

Marriage Preparation: If you intend getting married in the Parish in the next 18 months the church asks that you attend a Marriage Preparation Course before your marriage can take place. We are offering two days here in the Parish to be held in the Hazlehurst Room at St Joseph's Presbytery, the first on 14th September 2024 and the second on the 15th February 2025. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to register or speak initially with one of the clergy.

Deanery and wider area Support: We have now returned to something of our 'normal routine'. The changes over the last few weeks have reminded us that we are part of a wider church called to care for and support one another. Later in the summer we may have to adapt again. In the autumn we will be considering how best to move forward together. Such times are a new opportunity to seek to grow and move forward in a new way.

Churches Together: In Saint Joseph's church we are praying this week for those in the following roads: [Queens Dr](#), [Raby Gr](#), [Reservoir Rd Nth](#), [Sycamore Rd](#), [Tatton Rd](#), [The Dell](#), [Thornton Ave](#).

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 picture is back now, but we are aware there is no sound. Hopefully, this issue will be resolved in the week.

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion upcoming meeting: Thank you to those who have got in touch with us who have served before, or who would be interested in serving as an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion a 'Eucharistic Minister' as they are they are better known. To get things going there will be a meeting this coming Tuesday, 9th July at 7.30pm in the Raiswell Room at St Joseph's shortly after the 7.00pm Mass. If you cannot make this meeting, but would still like to help, please let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

St Michael's Church Cleaning: This Thursday 11th July after 9.15am Mass. All help greatly appreciated.

Following on from last year's Summer and Christmas parties, which were not only enjoyed by all, but also raised large amounts for parish funds, we are delighted to announce details for this year's Summer Party. You will notice that after the near monsoon conditions for last year's event, the parish centre has been booked in case of bad weather! Items for the raffle, bottle stall, lucky dip etc would be very welcome. Please hand in these items after weekend and weekday Masses ASAP!

PARISH OF ST PHILIP NERI
SUMMER PARTY

with full afternoon tea, games, stalls

SUNDAY 21st JULY 2.00- 5.00

**Stella McGann's garden (details on ticket)
or St Joseph's Parish Centre if wet
(ticket holders will be notified of venue just before the day)**

Admission by ticket £7.00

**From St Joseph's Choir members
and after weekend Masses**

Knitting Wool request: Sally Collins from St Michael's knits blanket squares which she makes into single bed blankets, these are then sent to Ukraine via a charity called Puma, they can be found on Facebook. Sally has made 2 blankets since Christmas and is on her third, but is running out of wool, She uses double knitting wool, any oddments or full balls that she can get her hands on. If you have any double knitting wool that you can spare please could it be left in a plastic bag with Sally's name on in St Michael's Sacristy or the Piety Shop for her to collect, 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 '**Sarah – pray for her treatment to be a success**'. The Lamp in Saint Michael's burns for '**The New Government**'. Please write your intention out and place it with an offering (we suggest £5 to cover the cost of the candle) in an envelope marked "Marian Lamp". We ask Our Blessed Lady to carry these prayers to her Son and to intercede for us.

St Michael's Piety Shop - we are looking for someone who would be willing to take on the role of organising and running the Piety Shop. This would involve keeping it tidy, ordering, pricing and displaying cards etc and ensuring any money is taken to the Parish Office. Invoices are paid by the Parish Office. As we operate an honesty box for any money taken, you would not be required to be in the shop for all masses. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

Flower arranging St Joseph's: If you would like to join the Flower arranging team at St Joseph's please contact the Parish Office on 652 5767. A very rewarding and relaxing volunteer role and a great way to meet other members of the Parish.

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

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.

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 £213.76 in the last two months, and about £868.86 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.

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.

The Chester Across Group are going to Lourdes by Jumbulance from Thursday 15th to Saturday 24th August.

We travel overland in an adapted coach, which has seven beds on board. Therefore, we can take some sick or disabled pilgrims and so far we have a Doctor and two nurses and several helpers. However, we need two more helpers and there is a place for someone who is sick or disabled. The cost is £1,095 but help with costs is available. Current Passport required. Travel Insurance is available for just £65. Search our website for an example of our care. <https://www.across.org.uk/?s=AJ>

For more information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or email

tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk.

Trial Votive Candle Stands at St Joseph's and St Michael's: During the week, all being well, we will be having a trial period with some new Votive Candle Stands that many Churches are adopting. These 'St Killian's'

stands use a wax candle cone that is placed into one of the cups on the stand and then lit. When the candle has burnt it's course, it falls through a hole in the bottom of the cup into some water in the bottom of the Stand which extinguishes any burning remaining. They are eventually self-financing, and all who use them speak well of them, so it is worth us having a trial with them.



Welcome to Nuala Garvey who was baptised in the Parish last weekend

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of
Christina Murphy, Victoria Perzynski, Philip Hyde
Andrew Pacey, Alan Burley and James Kearney who
have died recently

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

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon	cf. Psalm 47:10-11	<i>Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice</i>
Reading 1	Ezek 2:2-5	<i>The sons are defiant and obstinate and they shall know that there is a prophet among them.</i>
Psalm	Ps 122 r.2	<i>Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.</i>
Reading 2	2 Cor 12:7-10	<i>I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 1:12.14	<i>The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.</i>
Gospel	Mark 6:1-6	<i>A Prophet is despised only in his own country.</i>
Communion Antiphon	Psalm 33:9	<i>Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him</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

Parish Office:

The Parish Office is usually open 10am to 1pm Monday – Friday



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Income: Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Collection: 30th June £678.21

Monthly Standing Orders: £1622

Development Society No: 30th June £50 416 Billy Jones

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Saint Joseph's Parish Centre

THE PARISH CENTRE IS NOW OPEN

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