

NEWSLETTER



SAINT PHILIP NERI
CATHOLIC PARISH BIRKENHEAD

Sunday 28 July 2024

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

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Church
Saturday	27	Ferial		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Father Anthony Cogliolo Adoration & Confessions Confession John Dawson RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	28	Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time	Week I			
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	Winnie Williams birthday anniv RIP Parishioners Patti Rixon RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Monday	29	Ss Mary, Martha & Lazarus		9.15am	Jean Jones 1 st Anniversary RIP	Saint Michael's
Tuesday	30	Ferial		2.00pm 7.00pm	Funeral Mass for Sister Bridget (Breda) Bresnihan FCJ Refugees	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's
Wednesday	31	St Ignatius of Loyola		9.15am	Bernard Walker RIP & Family	Saint Joseph's
Thursday	1	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori		9.15am	Richard O'Neill RIP	Saint Michael's
Friday	2	Ferial		9.15am	Joan Breslin birthday remembrance	Saint Joseph's
Saturday	3	St Oswald		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Secular Clergy Fund Adoration & Confessions Confession Tom Goulding RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	4	Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time	Week II			
				9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Sister Breda Bresnihan FCJ RIP Andrew Pacey 40 days RIP Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's

Canon Niall writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. The Old Testament Reading today comes from the second book of Kings and has the image of Elisha the prophet meeting a great need with something small given in trust. The same image is found in the Gospel of John where Jesus takes something small, again offered in faith, and makes it fill a huge need in the 'feeding of the five thousand'. The Second Reading from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians reminds us that we are called each to play our part in building up the Body of Christ. Together it calls to mind that there is not one of us, no matter who we are, no matter what our situation that cannot make a difference. Even if what we have to offer may seem small and insignificant, if it is given to God in faith and trust, like the small offerings made in the scriptures today, it can contribute to meeting a great need. We all have a part to play in building up the Body of Christ, and offering our 'Gift' in faith and trust, believe that God can, and does work through it

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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Many will now know that Bridget Philomena Bresnihan, Faithful Companion of Jesus, known to all as Sr Breda FCJ died on the morning of Tuesday 16th July in Arrowse Park Hospital, having been admitted following a brief period being cared for at Nazareth House. The wisdom and insight of Sr. Breda as she offering spiritual guidance and prayers with many at Heathbank, will be missed in the parish. Arrangements are being made for her funeral to take place here at St Joseph's followed by burial in the grounds of Upton Hall, where she served for a number of years as a member of the teaching staff. Please

pray for the repose of her soul and for the whole FCJ community as they give thanks to the Lord for the gifts and talents with which he bestowed her. **Sister Breda's Funeral Mass will be this Tuesday, 30th July, 2.00pm at St Joseph's. All are Welcome.** May she rest in peace.

Deanery Support: This weekend with Father Michael Coughlan in Lourdes, Father Sam will be covering Masses in St Paul's, Beechwood and Our Lady's in Cavendish Street. From Thursday, 1st August Father Mario who looks after St Anne's, Rock Ferry and St John's, New Ferry will be going home to Nigeria for a month's holiday, and so myself, Father Sam and Father Michael, when he is back, will help cover Father Mario's Churches during this time. We will also be offering occasional cover to Father Ramesh and Father Praveen in Wallasey. Again, this is a time when we help each other as a local Church.

Welcome to Seminarian William Muh Ngong: Last week we welcomed Seminarian William Muh Ngong, and said farewell to Seminarian Johnson Edeh. William is from Cameroon, the country next to Nigeria where Johnson comes from. William is in a similar situation as Johnson. He completed most of his training for the priesthood in a Religious Order in Cameroon, Nigeria and Spain and other countries. Like Johnson, William already holds the ministry of Acolyte. With Johnson he had a time of discernment at Shrewsbury Cathedral before spending the last few months on a placement at Our Lady's, Shaw Heath, Stockport. William is going with Johnson for the same 'bespoke' year at Oscott, and he too will hopefully be ordained to the Diaconate and Priesthood soon. Whilst William is at Oscott for this year, Bishop Mark has asked that he have a 'home base' with us at St Joseph's Presbytery; among other things this will give William experience of another part of the Diocese. Whilst he will not be on a formal placement as such, he will be with us during College holidays, he will assist us as he can. William is very welcome and we look forward to his time with us.

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage in Lourdes this weekend: Our Diocese of Shrewsbury Pilgrimage is running from last Thursday, 25th July to Thursday, 1st August. We join in prayer with them that this time will bring great blessing to our whole Diocesan family.

Reintroduction of the opportunity to receive from the Chalice: Thank you to all who came to the gathering for Eucharistic Ministers recently. We decided that from August we will reintroduce the opportunity to receive Holy Communion in both kinds, under the forms of bread and wine. Whether we receive Holy Communion just under the form of bread, or just under the form of wine, we are receiving the fullness of Christ, but the sign of receiving this gift is fuller when we can receive both the host and the chalice. It has been a gap of a few years now since due to COVID we gave Holy Communion only under the form of bread. Now receiving from the Chalice again is gradually being reintroduced as people feel comfortable. As before, receiving from the Chalice is optional, and our reintroduction will be a gentle process for people to adopt only should they feel comfortable. We will write and say more about this closer the time.

Candle Stands: We are trialling these 'St Killian's' Stands in both our Churches. Just a reminder, please place the wax candle cone in the glass cup and then light it with the lighter provided. Please do not light the wax cone candle before putting it into the cup. The figure of '£1' is only a suggestion; whatever you are comfortable paying is fine.

St Killian's Stands Maintenance Training: Denise from St Killian's is coming this Thursday, 1st of August to demonstrate the maintenance of these stands. She will come to St Joseph's at 11.00am and then to St Michael's at 12.00pm. If anyone involved in Church cleaning and maintenance is available to come this would be a great help.

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.

Summer Party Over a 100 people spent an enjoyable afternoon at the Summer Party last Sunday, and raised an amazing total of £1,900.41 towards parish funds. Many thanks to those who so generously supported this event, either by being there, sending a donation or helping in any way at all to organise the afternoon. It was a lovely opportunity, not just to raise funds but to spend time with fellow parishioners, family and friends.

A date has already been set for a Christmas afternoon party: Watch out for further details!

Churches Together: In Saint Joseph's church we are praying this week for those in the following roads: **Prenton Hall Rd, Prenton Lane, Prenton Park Rd, Seymour St, Shewell Close, Sidney Rd and Sidney Terrace.**

DONA Card and Contactless Donation Station and Livestream at St Michael's: Both the DONA Tablet and the Livestream are now up and running again

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.

The Marian Lamp: burns each week in both our churches for particular prayer intentions. This week the Lamp in Saint Joseph's burns for **'Diocesan Pilgrims in Lourdes'**. The Lamp in Saint Michael's burns for **'Paul Joseph Smith & Family'**. 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.

Knitting Wool for blankets for Ukraine. I would like to thank everyone who has kindly donated wool to me, so I can keep knitting blanket squares, my third blanket is nearly finished and hopefully a fourth one will be completed by the charity's next trip in September. PUMA (PUMA have a Facebook page) have recently returned from Ukraine where they distributed an articulated lorry full of aid the Children's Hospital that was recently damaged, to two shelters for displaced people, a Church near the front line that distributes aid to displaced families and to the frontline itself, to name just a few groups they have helped. Wool can be left in the Sacristy at either Church or St Michael's Piety with my name on. Thank you Sally Collins

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.

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.

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

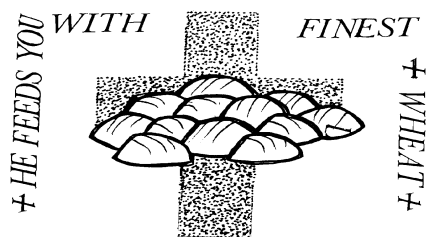
Foodbank: Thank you for your continued support of Wirral Foodbank over the years. Donations of long life items always welcome e.g. Tinned vegetables, fruit, meat, fish. Please leave your donations at the back Church, many thanks.

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.

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.

Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - Sunday 28th of July 2024: We will celebrate this day in honour of all grandparents and elderly members of our congregation next week. This is the closest Sunday to the feast of St Anne and St Joachim, which we celebrate the Friday before, the 26th of July 2024. Pope Francis has written a message especially for this occasion and the Diocese has created a booklet that includes his message and the prayer prepared for the day. Please pick up the booklet and prayer cards from the back of the Church and you will find other resources on the Diocesan website.

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.



**Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of
Patrick McArdle, Father Anthony Cogliolo and Sister
Breda (Bridget) Bresnihan FCJ who have died recently
May they rest in peace
in the arms of the Good Shepherd**

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon	Cf. Psalm 67:6-7.36	<i>God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people</i>
Reading 1	2 Kgs 4:42-44	<i>They will eat and have some left over.</i>
Psalm	Ps 144: 10-11. 15-18 r.16	<i>You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.</i>
Reading 2	Eph 4:1-6	<i>One Body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	cf John 6:63.68	<i>Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.</i>
Gospel	John 6:1-15	<i>Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.</i>
Communion Antiphon	Psalm 102:2	<i>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits</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
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Offertory Collection: 21st July £744.59

Monthly Standing Orders: £1622

Development Society No: 21st July £50 430 Linda Dagnall

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