

NEWSLETTER



SAINT PHILIP NERI
CATHOLIC PARISH BIRKENHEAD

Sunday 1 September 2024

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

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Church
Saturday	31	Ferial		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Felix Hanrahan Adoration & Confessions Confession Mary Davis RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	1	Twenty Second 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	John Michael O'Sullivan Anniv RIP Steve Shaughnessy RIP Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Monday	2	Ferial		9.15am 10.30am	No Mass Funeral Mass for Elizabeth Doherty	Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Tuesday	3	St Gregory the Great		11.00am 7.00pm	Funeral Service for Patricia White Toni Abakhan 1 st Anniversary RIP	Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Wednesday	4	Ferial		9.15am	For our Schools' New Term	Saint Joseph's
Thursday	5	Ferial		9.15am	Johnson & William Starting College	Saint Michael's
Friday	6	Ferial		9.15am	Secular Clergy Fund	Saint Joseph's
Saturday	7	Ferial		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Priest's Intention Adoration & Confessions Confession Stephen Francis Shaughnessy	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	8	Twenty Third Sunday Ordinary Time	Week III			
				9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Winnie Harty RIP Bob Doyle 75 th Birthday Intention Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's

Canon Niall writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. The Old Testament Reading this weekend is from the book of Deuteronomy and speak of the unique, and marvellous relationship that God has with his people, through the 'Law' – not just a set of rules, but the framework for a living relationship with God. The Gospel today now takes up again the readings from St Mark's Gospel. Developing on from the First Reading, when some had made the 'Gift of the Law' an end in itself, rather a framework to build a living relationship upon. Jesus challenges some of these Religious Leaders to see beyond the 'letter of' to the 'heart of' the Law. In the Second Reading from the letter of St James we hear the challenge to allow the living relationship we are called into with God to bear fruit, allow it to show forth in all our relationships, dealings and attitude. By seeking to allow that Word of God within us to bear fruit, we are that living presence of God's love 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

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

Funeral Mass for Steve Shaughnessy: The Funeral Mass for Stephen Shaughnessy was due to take place at St Michael's, next Friday 6th September at 11.00am. Due to family illness the Funeral Mass has had to be postponed. It is hoped it will not be too long before we can arrange a new date for this Funeral Mass. Please continue to keep Steve and his family in your prayers.

Opportunity to receive from the Chalice: We have now reintroduced the opportunity to receive Holy Communion under the form of wine from the chalice. However, there are various reasons why some people may not wish to receive from the chalice, and this has always been a personal choice, as people feel comfortable. The Church teaches that we receive the fulness of Holy Communion when we receive either under the form of bread or wine. However the 'sign' is fuller when we receive under both kinds. Hopefully it will become part of our routine again.

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

Welcome Back to our Schools: This coming week our Schools return after their summer holidays. We wish them all every blessing as they begin this new School Year.

Security at St Michael's Church and Site: As we move out of School Holiday Time, we are continuing to work with the Diocese, Police and other agencies to help improve security facilities. This coming week we are having CCTV installed, and have put up new fencing and are locking gates. We are still concerned for people's safety round the site. Please if you see any groups of youths or adults acting in a suspicious way, please DO NOT APPROACH THEM OR CHALLENGE THEM, AND ESPECIALLY DO NOT DO SO IF YOU ARE ALONE. Please do not put yourself at risk. If you see anything that is of concern please call the Parish Office, or if it appears serious call 999 and let the Police know. If you are coming into the Church Site out of hours and see a gang around, please do not try to get in, it safer to turn around and let us know. Thank you all and please take care.

Candle Stands: 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 Joseph's Ladies Group: Wednesday 4th September at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre. All welcome!



Voluntary help needed to clean our Churches: 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.

St Michael's Church Cleaning: This Thursday 5th September after 9:15 Mass Any additional help greatly appreciated.

St Joseph's Church Cleaning: This Thursday 5th September from 9.30am onwards, Many hands make light work. Any help greatly appreciated.

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.

Churches Together: In Saint Joseph's church we are praying this week for those in the following roads: Mount Rd, Millington Close, Mount Rd, Mountwood Rd, North Rd, Oakdene Rd, Olive Crescent.

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 **Successful Surgery**. The Lamp in Saint Michael's burns for **Birthday Celebration**. 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.

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

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 Every Penny Counts collection has raised £90.00 in the last two months, and about £255.06 in this financial year since April. 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.

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.

Baptism

Welcome to Olivia Cookson who was baptised in St Michael & All Angels Church last Sunday

Development Society

Would you like £50 or £500 in your hand? Are you missing out now?

It could even be £100 or £1000

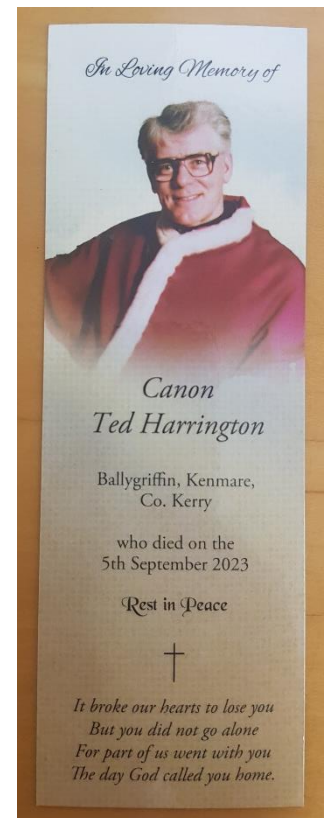
We wish to grow the membership of the Society once more to help maintain both our church buildings and presbyteries. Why not join! We can make envelopes available or you can pay by Standing Order monthly or quarterly or yearly. Please speak to Deacon Les or pick up a flyer and hand it in, with some details and we will get in touch.

MEMBERSHIP ENVELOPES ALLOCATED ARE NOW AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR YOU TO COLLECT

A Priest of our Diocese:

For those who remember Canon Ted Harrington the family have sent memorial cards for those who would like to pray for him. Canon Ted served at St Joseph's a good time back. May he rest in peace.

5th September 2023



Please pray for the
Repose of the Souls of

Stephen Shaughnessy, Elizabeth Doherty and
Patricia White who have died recently
May they rest in peace

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon	Cf. Psalm 85:3. 5	<i>Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.</i>
Reading 1	Deut 4:1-2, 6-8	<i>Add nothing to what I command you, keep the commandments of the Lord</i>
Psalm	Ps 14: 2-5 r.1	<i>The just will live in the presence of the Lord.</i>
Reading 2	Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27	<i>You must do what the word tells you.</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	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	<i>You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.</i>
Communion Antiphon	Psalm 30:20	<i>How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.</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:



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Parish YouTube Channel: via www.saint-philip-neri.co.uk

Income: Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Collection: 25th August £1101.23

Monthly Standing Orders: £1622

Development Society No: 433 Gerard Boyle 25th August £50

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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