

NEWSLETTER



SAINT PHILIP NERI
CATHOLIC PARISH BIRKENHEAD

Sunday 29 September 2024

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

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Church
Saturday	28	Ferial		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Priest's intention Adoration & Confessions Confession William Kendal RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	29	Twenty Sixth 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 Anthony Whitehead Anniversary RIP Patricia Williams RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Monday	30	St Jerome		9.15am	St Michael's Feast Day Mass	Saint Michael's
Tuesday	1	St Theresa of the Child Jesus		7.00pm	In thanks for the flower and cleaning team	Saint Joseph's
Wednesday	2	Guardian Angels		9.15am	Intentions of the members of the Ladies Group	Saint Joseph's
Thursday	3	Ferial		9.15am	Anne McManus	Saint Michael's
Friday	4	St Francis of Assisi		9.15am	Secular Clergy Fund	Saint Joseph's
Saturday	5	St Maria Faustina (Helena) Kowalska		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Priest's intention Adoration & Confessions Confession Steve Shaughnessy	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	6	Twenty Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time	Week III			
				9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Betty Strickland RIP Leone Monaco Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's

Canon Niall writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This weekend both the First Reading and the Gospel remind us that we need to care for, support and help one another. From the book of Numbers, Moses realised it was 'not all about him'; the role of caring for the people of God was to be shared by each playing their part. In the Gospel Jesus invites the disciples to see again, that the role of caring for each other is something we are called to share, not just the role of a 'select few'. St James in the Second Reading reminds that it is not just about 'what we have' but 'how we use what we have'. As we come together as the people of God we seek to help each other remove the obstacles that hinder our discipleship, so as to be a living sign of Jesus 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

Reception of Holy Communion under both kinds and Eucharistic Ministers to assist: Thank you for the generous response we have received to the request for more people who would be willing to act as Eucharistic Ministers, have now reintroduced the opportunity to receive Holy Communion under 'both kinds' in the form of bread and in the form of wine from the chalice. Often it seems like the same people are 'doing everything'; this often happens because no one else is available to share out the roles. Again, we ask if 'YOU' can help! The more people who are willing to help, the more we can share out the roles. Do please consider this. Thank you

St Michael's Feast Day: The 29th September falls on a Sunday this year, and so is displaced by the Sunday Celebration. However this Monday, 30th September, the 9.15am Mass at St Michael's will be a celebration of St Michael's Feast Day with St Michael's School joining us and sharing in the liturgy. All are welcome to this celebration.

Security at St Michael's Church and Site: With the new CCTV and security measures now in place at St Michael's this is improving the situation. Thank you all and please continue to take care.

Children's Liturgy at St Joseph's and St Michael's : In the next few weeks we hope to be in a position to reintroduce Children's Liturgy at St Joseph's and St Michael's. As soon as we have definite dates we will let you know.

St Michael's Old Presbytery : The work to repair the flood damage is now completed and in the immediate days coming we are working to get the building ready for use again. Hopefully this will not be much longer.

Churches Together: In Saint Joseph's church we are praying this week for those in the following roads: Johnson Rd, Kenmore Rd, Kindale Rd, Levers Causeway, Leighton Rd, Linwood Rd & Little Storeton Lane.

St Michael's Piety Stall - Christmas cards are now available in the Piety, we also have a new selection of Birthday cards, Baptism cards and Rosary Beds.

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.

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

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

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.



The Marian Lamp: burns each week in both our churches for particular prayer intentions. This week the Lamp in Saint Joseph's burns for **Elaine Martin**. 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.

SVP Donation: St Joseph's SVP acknowledges an anonymous donation of £20 in memory of Sister Breda, Many thanks.

CAFOD Autumn Family Fast Day Collection: Next Weekend of 5th/6th October is the CAFOD Autumn Family Fast Day Collection, and there will be a Retiring Collection after all Masses that weekend. Envelopes are available this weekend; please take one and place it in the second collection next weekend. If you have the opportunity to Gift Aid then there are details with the envelopes as to how you can do so.

Once again we will be having a Christmas Raffle: Donations for prizes would be greatly appreciated. Suggested donations: Wine, Spirits, Chocolates and biscuits. Please hand in to the sacristans in either Church or leave in the box in Church, Many thanks in all your support helping raise funds for the Parish.

St Joseph's Ladies Group: Our next get together is on Wednesday 2nd October at 7.30pm at St Joseph's club. All welcome!

St Joseph's Church cleaning: This Thursday 3rd October from 9.30am onwards, Many hands make light work. Any help greatly appreciated, Many thanks.

St Michael's Church cleaning: This Thursday 3rd October after 9.15am Mass, Many hands make light work. Any help greatly appreciated, Many thanks.

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 a day here in the Parish to be held in the Hazlehurst Room at St Joseph's Presbytery on the 15th February 2025. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to register or speak initially with one of the clergy.

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.

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.

Christmas Voices - Christmas Brass: You may have attended our Spring Sing Concert performed by the Warrington Male Voice Choir at St Michael and All Angels earlier this year. The Warrington Male Voice Choir are presenting their Christmas Concert supported by the Leyland Brass Band on Saturday 21st December 2024 at 7.30pm at the Parr Hall, Warrington. It will be a great night for families and a fantastic way to start the festive season. Tickets are £13.00. If there is enough interest we would look at arranging transport which would be at an additional cost. If you wish to purchase a ticket please see Deacon Gerard or add you the list at the back of Church.

Holy Family of Bordeaux: The Holy Family of Bordeaux is a Worldwide Family of five different vocations. Lay Members, Apostolic Sisters, Contemplative Sisters Consecrated Secular Women, Priest Associates. Inspired by Jesus Mary and Joseph and the first Christian Communities we live our commitment to God within our families, communities, neighbourhoods and places of work through presence, prayer and service. **To find out more** – a meeting in the Holy Family convent next to St Anne's Church **7:00pm 17th October.**

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.

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.

Headteacher vacancy: Due to the promotion of a highly respected Headteacher, there is an opportunity for an inspirational, resilient and dedicated Catholic leader to be the next Headteacher of St Werburgh's Catholic Primary and Nursery School. Visits to our school are warmly welcomed. Please telephone Cheryl Gardner at the school office on 0151 647 8404 to arrange this. Closing date: Monday, 14 October 2024 at 10am. Shortlisting date: Tuesday, 15 October 2024. Interview Dates: Tuesday, 22 October 2024. Completed applications should be sent to Julie English

Julie.English@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Further details can be found via the Diocesan website <https://educationshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

LIVERPOOL WELSH CHORAL present: Fauré: Requiem and Gounod: Saint Cecilia Mass, Christ Church Port Sunlight, Saturday 9th November

Just six months after filling Liverpool Anglican Cathedral for a stunningly dramatic performance of Verdi's *Requiem*, Liverpool Welsh Choral come to the Wirral to perform two very different Mass settings, both by French composers. Instead of the thunderous *Dies Irae* of the Verdi *Requiem*, Fauré's *Requiem* includes hauntingly beautiful settings of the *Pie Jesu* and *In Paradisum*. Rather than equating death with judgement, and retribution, Fauré viewed death as: '*a happy deliverance, an aspiration towards happiness above, rather than as a painful experience*'

The Fauré is preceded by Gounod's *Saint Cecilia Mass*, a little known but charming work, appropriately performed in the month when we celebrate the feast of St Cecilia, patron saint of Music. A number of singers from the Wirral sing with Liverpool Welsh Choral, described by one reviewer as 'simply dynamic!'. They deserve to be heard! Tickets £20, available from www.lwcu.co.uk

**Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of
Stephen Shaughnessy, Pam Haygarth, Ken Ward and
Father Alban Greenwood who have died recently.**

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

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon	Daniel 3:31. 29.30.43.42	<i>All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy</i>
Reading 1	Num 11:25-29	<i>Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!</i>
Psalm	Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14 r.9	<i>The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.</i>
Reading 2	Jas 5:1-6	<i>Your wealth is all rotting.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	cf. John 17: 17	<i>Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.</i>
Gospel	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	<i>Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.</i>
Communion Antiphon	Cf Psalm 118:49-50	<i>Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low</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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Income: Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Collection: 22nd September £631.18

Monthly Standing Orders: £1622

Development Society No: 22nd September £50 640 Helen Sullivan

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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