

NEWSLETTER



SAINT PHILIP NERI
CATHOLIC PARISH BIRKENHEAD

Sunday 13 October 2024

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

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Church
Saturday	12	Ferial		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Priest's intention Adoration & Confessions Confession William Kendall	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	13	Twenty Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time	Week IV			
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	Deceased Family & Friends Epifania Rubina Anniversary RIP Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Monday	14	Ferial		9.15am	Gina Warrington	Saint Michael's
Tuesday	15	St Teresa of Avilla		7.00pm	Patricia Hammond (nee Higgins) RIP	Saint Joseph's
Wednesday	16	Ferial		9.15am	Caroline's Donor	Saint Joseph's
Thursday	17	St Ignatius of Antioch		11.00am	Funeral Mass for Anne McManus	Saint Michael's
Friday	18	St Luke		9.15am	Alfie Richardson birthday remembrance	Saint Joseph's
Saturday	19	St Peter of Alcantara		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Anne McManus RIP Adoration & Confessions Confession Laurence Gomez RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	20	Twenty Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time	Week I			
				9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Nan Kelly RIP Ken Ward RIP Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's

Canon Niall writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This weekend's readings are about building on what matters. Jesus never criticised anyone for being 'well to do', but rather what they did with it! A lot of the people who helped and supported Jesus were well off, but they used what they had wisely and well, and helped to serve others. Whether someone is rich or poor, they can use what they have generously or selfishly; it is the attitude of heart that matters. Over these last few months we have seen people fighting, sometimes literally, to 'defend their corner' whilst we have also seen amazing, selfless generosity, even in some cases people putting their lives on the line for the wellbeing of others. We come today to Christ to be renewed in his generous, self-giving love that reaches out through us with his compassion, tenderness and mercy to our world

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

Annual Mission Appeal this weekend, 12th/13th October:

At Masses this weekend we welcome Barbara Charles from 'Network for a Better World', a lay missionary group which works for the relief of poverty with specific support for women and children in a rural mission parish in Southern Malawi. She will speak about the work of the organisation and how we can all be involved in the mission of the Church overseas. There will be a retiring collection in support of their work. Sorry about this second collection following on from the one last weekend. It is a matter of trying to fit things in as best we can, and we only ask that people give what they are comfortable with.

CAFOD Autumn Family Fast Day Collection last weekend:

Thank you for your support of the CAFOD Autumn Family Fast Day Collection last weekend. As a Parish we were able to send £556.60 to CAFOD. There are still some Envelopes for anyone who would still wish to donate with details of how to Gift Aid if you wished do so.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Mark on 'Assisted Suicide':

This weekend we were meant to read a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Mark on the 'Assisted Suicide' or 'Assisted Dying' Bill as may also be called, that will be introduced to Parliament this week. With Barbara Charles from 'Network for a Better World' booked in for a while, and speaking at the Homily Time, we cannot read the Letter this week. Therefore copies of Bishop Mark's Letter will be available for you to take; please do take a copy. Bishop Mark asks that we write to our MP's expressing our deep concern. By post you insert the MP's name, then add: House of Commons, LONDON SW1 0AA. Also you can email the MP by looking up their web page online, and find their contact address. You can also find information on: www.righttolife.org

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

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.

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

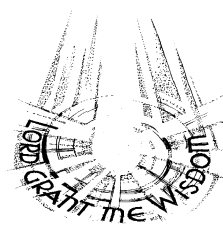
Children's Liturgy at St Joseph's and St Michael's : In the next few weeks we hope to be in a position to reintroduce Children's Liturgy at St Joseph's and St Michael's. As soon as we have definite dates we will let you know.

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: Goldsmith Rd, Goldsmith Way, Golf Links Rd, Kelvin Rd, Kingsway, Kingsdale Ave & Kingsland Rd.

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 Marian Lamp: burns each week in both our churches for particular prayer intentions. This week the Lamp in Saint Joseph's burns for **Sandra Cookson**. The Lamp in Saint Michael's burns for **Pat (All is well on results)**. 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.

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.

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.

St Michael's Cleaning: This Thursday 17th October at 9.30am. There is no 9.15am mass.

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.

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.

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 your name to the list at the back of Church.

Rosary Service to celebrate the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 21st November 2024 at 2pm at Saint John the Evangelist, New Ferry. Speaker Father Humphrey O'Connor

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.

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.

Welcome to Esme Hart & Delilah McCurry who were baptised in our Parish last weekend

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.

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



Johann Sebastian Bach:
Du sollt Gott, deinen Herren, lieben
You shall love God, your Lord, with all your heart (Cantata 77)

The cantata is based on today's gospel, in which Jesus teaches his disciples about the need for love. The ensemble includes three oboes and trumpet, four vocal soloists, and the usual chorus, strings and organ.

Sunday 3 November 2024 at 6.30pm
Evening Prayer and Cantata

Church of St Michael and All Angels, New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Wirral CH49 5LE



**Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of
Anne McManus, John McCaffrey and Michael Windsor
who have died recently.**

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

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon	Psalm 129:3-4	<i>If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel</i>
Reading 1	Wis 7:7-11	<i>Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing</i>
Psalm	Ps 89: 12-18 r.14	<i>Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.</i>
Reading 2	Heb 4:12-13	<i>The word of God can judge secret emotions and thoughts.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	cf. Matt 11:25	<i>Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.</i>
Gospel	Mark 10:17-30	<i>Go and sell everything you own and follow me.</i>
Communion Antiphon	Cf. Psalm 33:11	<i>When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is</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 FCI

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: 6th October £1130.02

Monthly Standing Orders: £1622

Development Society No: 6th October £50 287 Denis McDaid

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Saint Joseph's Parish Centre

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