

NEWSLETTER



SAINT PHILIP NERI
CATHOLIC PARISH BIRKENHEAD

Sunday 20 October 2024

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

| Day | Date | Celebration | Psalter | Mass Time | Mass Intention | Church |
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| 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 | | | |
| 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 | Nan Kelly RIP Ken Ward RIP Parishioners | Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's |
| Monday | 21 | Ferial | | 9.15am | Ken Ward RIP | Saint Michael's |
| Tuesday | 22 | Ferial | | 7.00pm | Frank Dunning RIP | Saint Joseph's |
| Wednesday | 23 | Ferial | | 9.15am | Father Denis Maher RIP | Saint Joseph's |
| Thursday | 24 | Ferial | | 9.15am | Anne McManus RIP | Saint Michael's |
| Friday | 25 | Ferial | | 9.15am | Sister Breda Bresnihan FCJ RIP | Saint Joseph's |
| Saturday | 26 | Ss Chad & Cedd | | 10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm | Michael Flynn Senior RIP Anniversary Adoration & Confessions Confession Mary Davis RIP | Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's |
| Sunday | 27 | Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time | Week II | | | |
| | | | | 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm | Michael Windsor RIP Des Butler 1 st Anniversary RIP Parishioners | Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's |

Canon Niall writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Today's readings remind us that our following of Christ is not about power or worldly greatness, but a call to serve one another in love and respect. At a time in our world, both near and far, when we are very aware of divisions and conflicts between peoples, groups and nations; this weekend we renew our call, and seek to serve one another in living the Gospel today and to be a living sign of Jesus who calls to healing, reconciliation and new hope. We renew our faith in God's promise that this can really be, and that in him each one of us can be that living difference that changes hearts

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 last weekend: Thank you to everyone who donated to the 'Network for a Better World', missionary appeal which works for the relief of poverty with specific support for women and children in a rural mission parish in Southern Malawi. A total of £760.31 was raised by our Parish, Thank you.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Mark on 'Assisted Suicide' from last weekend: Last 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 was introduced to Parliament last week. With Barbara Charles from 'Network for a Better World' booked in for a while, and speaking at the Homily Time, we could not read the Letter this week. Therefore copies of Bishop Mark's Letter are still 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

Livestream at St Michael's: We are very aware that the Livestream at St Michael's has been down for a good period of time, and we are very sorry about this. This is not a problem with the Livestream itself, but with the Wifi connection on the whole St Michael's Site, which has turned out to be a very complicated issue. We are working as best we can to get a solution as promptly as possible.

For the past few years, we have joined with Holy Cross and the Methodist Church to take part in the Halloween Share the Light Prayer Walk (Thursday 31st October). It is a very informal walk of witness for the estate; we walk around giving out glow-sticks and offering prayers if people are interested. Otherwise we just let people know we are from the churches. The plan is to meet at the Methodist Church on Pemberton Road at 5pm, prayer and go around the estate for about an hour. Arrive back around 6pm ready to go a different way around until 7pm. If anyone would like to join us, please dress for the weather and meet at the Methodists at either of the times.

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: [Garden Court](#), [Garrick Road](#), [Glenavon Rd](#), [Ingleborough Rd](#), [Irvine Rd](#), [Ivydale Rd](#), [Jessamine 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 **Joan Jones requiesce in pace**. The Lamp in Saint Michael's burns for **Leone Monaco (ill health)**. 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 0151 652 5767. A very rewarding and relaxing volunteer role and a great way to meet other members of the Parish.

St Michael's Ladies' Group Lunch - A table has been booked at The Gravesberie in Greasby on Thursday 21st November for 12.30pm. If you would like to attend please contact Sally Collins or leave a message in the Parish Office. Thank you.

November List:

We are approaching the time of year when as a church we remember those who have died. Each year we write up a

Book of Remembrance

to display in the church throughout the month of November. If you would like names of friends or family members added to the book then please make an offering and request using the envelopes provided at the back of church and place them on the usual offertory collection.

WE WILL ALSO be holding a service of Remembrance on Thursday 21st of November to which we will invite all families who have held a funeral through the parish in the past 12 months. At this service their loved ones names will be read out. You are all welcome to attend this service and if you wish your loved one to be remembered verbally at this service please submit their names to the parish office.

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.

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

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



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



LIVERPOOL BACH COLLECTIVE

**Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of
John McCaffrey, Michael Windsor, Paul Burns & Father
Denis Maher who have died recently.**

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

Readings at Mass

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| Entrance Antiphon | cf. Psalm 16:6. 8 | <i>To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.</i> |
| Reading 1 | Isa 53:10-11 | <i>If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life.</i> |
| Psalm | Ps 32:4-5, 18-20. 22 r.22 | <i>May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.</i> |
| Reading 2 | Heb 4:14-16 | <i>Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.</i> |
| Gospel Acclamation | John 14:6 | <i>I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.</i> |
| Gospel | Mark 10:35-45 | <i>The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.</i> |
| Communion Antiphon | Cf. Psalm 32:18-19 | <i>Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine</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: 13th October £536.69

Monthly Standing Orders: £1622

Development Society No: 13th October £50 456 Hayley Knox

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Saint Joseph's Parish Centre

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