

# NEWSLETTER



**SAINT PHILIP NERI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH BIRKENHEAD

**Sunday 27 October 2024**

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

| Day   | Date      | Celebration                                  | Psalter         | Mass Time                              | Mass Intention   | Church   |
|---|-----------|--|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Saturday  | 26        | Ss Chad & Cedd                               |                 | 10.30am<br>11.00am<br>5.15pm<br>6.00pm | Michael Flynn Senior RIP Anniversary<br>Adoration & Confessions<br>Confession<br>Mary Davis RIP    | Saint Joseph's<br>Saint Joseph's<br>Saint Michael's<br>Saint Michael's |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>27</b> | <b>Thirtieth Sunday<br/>Ordinary Time</b>    | <b>Week II</b>  |  |  |  |
| 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<br>11.00am<br>5.00pm            | Michael Windsor RIP<br>Des Butler 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary RIP<br>Parishioners                  | Saint Joseph's<br>Saint Michael's<br>Saint Joseph's                    |
| Monday  | 28        | Ss Simon & Jude                              |                 | 9.15am                                 | Michael Swanick 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary RIP   | Saint Michael's  |
| Tuesday   | 29        | Ferial                                       |                 | 7.00pm                                 | Kaison Davenport   | Saint Joseph's   |
| Wednesday   | 30        | Ferial                                       |                 | 9.15am                                 | Neil Rest in Peace   | Saint Joseph's   |
| Thursday  | 31        | Ferial                                       |                 | 9.15am                                 | Anne McManus RIP   | Saint Michael's  |
| Friday  | 1         | All Saint's Day<br>(Holyday of Obligation)   |                 | 9.15am<br>9.15am<br>12.noon<br>7.00pm  | Steve & Delia Goulding<br>George Breslin Anniversary RIP<br>Parish Intention<br>Parishioners       | Saint Michael's<br>Saint Joseph's<br>Our Lady's<br>Saint Joseph's      |
| Saturday  | 2         | Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed   |                 | 10.30am<br>11.00am<br>5.15pm<br>6.00pm | John Murphy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary RIP<br>Adoration & Confessions<br>Confession<br>Holy Souls | Saint Joseph's<br>Saint Joseph's<br>Saint Michael's<br>Saint Michael's |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>Thirty First Sunday<br/>Ordinary Time</b> | <b>Week III</b> |  |  |  |
|   |           |  |                 | 9.30am<br>11.00am<br>5.00pm            | Intentions of Stella McGann<br>Peggy & George Birch Anniversary RIP<br>Parishioners                | Saint Joseph's<br>Saint Michael's<br>Saint Joseph's                    |

## Canon Niall writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. In this weekend's readings Jesus opens the eyes of a blind man. The man can then 'see' to follow Jesus. With such acts as this there is always a message for us all. There can seem so many problems, challenges and obstacles that can 'blind' us to the path of Jesus; these recent months of conflict and suffering across our world have blurred the path for many. That is why meeting Jesus, in Word and Sacrament, in each other, and in the selfless generosity shown by so many, opens our understanding to help us 'see' that Way of Jesus. As Pope Francis again calls us to a time of listening and discernment we seek to help each other in seeing that path of Christ among us, and point it out to others in the example of our witness

*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**

**Deanery Support:** This weekend with Father Michael Coughlan away, Father Sam will be covering Masses in St Paul's, Beechwood and Our Lady's in Cavendish Street. Again, this is a time when we help each other as a local Church.

**Solemnity of All Saints, Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November:** This coming Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November is the Solemnity of the All Saints and is a Holyday of Obligation. Because Father Michael is away, Father Sam and I are looking after ours and Holy Cross, Our Lady and St Paul's Parish. The Masses available on the day of the 1<sup>st</sup> November, are a 9.15am Mass at St Michael's, also a 9.15am at St Joseph's, a 12.noon Mass at Our Lady's, Cavendish Street and a 7.00pm Evening Mass at St Joseph's. Just to remind you, that the obligation to attend Mass is for those who have the health, means and ability to do so.

**Middle East Humanitarian Appeal - CAFOD:** The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) have launched an emergency appeal in response to the worsening crisis that we see in the Holy Land. CAFOD is a member of the DEC. Thanks to the support of the Catholic Community here in England and Wales, they have already been supporting partners providing essential and life-saving responses to the huge need in Gaza to many thousands of people over the last year and have been able to allocate £60,000 out of core funds to Lebanon partners to support their immediate response. As you have been so generous in supporting the Harvest Family Fast Day and World Mission Sunday, we will not hold another collection, but if you wish to support this appeal through CAFOD you can follow this link: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/middle-east-humanitarian-appeal>

**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.

**St Michael's Church Cleaning:** This Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October after the 9.15am Mass. All help greatly appreciated, 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.

**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: **Elm Rd, Elmswood Rd, Ennerdale, Fairways, Holborn Sq, Holly Grove, Holt Hill & Holt 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](mailto: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 **Paul Ward 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary RIP**. The Lamp in Saint Michael's burns for **Nina**. 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.

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

**Charity Christmas Cards:** We hope to offer Charity Christmas cards for sale in St Joseph's. They are from TRANSFORM TRADE. org which since Traidcraft ceased trading has taken on some aspects of its work. I know some parishioners who liked to support Traidcraft have missed their cards. More news about this soon.

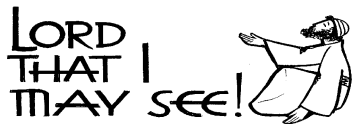
**November List:**

We are approaching the time of year when at 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



**Poppies:** There will be poppies to buy at £1 each at the back of Church, handmade by Mary Arch. All proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion, thank you.

**St Joseph's Church Cleaning:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30am onwards. Many hands make light work, any help greatly appreciated.

**St Joseph's Ladies Group:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Please bring the balance for the Christmas meal and also your choices.

**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:** 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 at 2pm at Saint John the Evangelist, New Ferry. Speaker Father Humphrey O'Connor

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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  
Father Denis Maher and Monsignor Peter Walton who  
have died recently.**

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

# Readings at Mass

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|---------------------------|-------------------|---|
| <b>Entrance Antiphon</b>  | cf. Psalm 104:3-4 | <i>Let the hearts that seek the lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face</i> |
| <b>Reading 1</b>          | Jer 31:7-9        | <i>I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back.</i>   |
| <b>Psalm</b>              | Ps 125 r.3        | <i>What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.</i>  |
| <b>Reading 2</b>          | Heb 5:1-6         | <i>You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.</i>  |
| <b>Gospel Acclamation</b> | John 8:12         | <i>I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.</i>         |
| <b>Gospel</b>             | Mark 10:46-52     | <i>Master, let me see again.</i>  |
| <b>Communion Antiphon</b> | Cf. Psalm 19:6    | <i>We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God</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:

*The Parish Office is usually open 10am to 1pm Monday – Friday*



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Parish YouTube Channel: via [www.saint-philip-neri.co.uk](http://www.saint-philip-neri.co.uk)

**Income:** Thank you for your generosity.

*Offertory Collection:* 20<sup>th</sup> October £644.42

Monthly Standing Orders: £1622

*Development Society No:* 20<sup>th</sup> October £50 628 Kate Davies

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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