

NEWSLETTER



SAINT PHILIP NERI
CATHOLIC PARISH BIRKENHEAD

Sunday 3 November 2024

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

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Church
Saturday	2	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	John Murphy 2 nd Anniversary RIP Adoration & Confessions Confession Holy Souls	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	3	Thirty First Sunday Ordinary Time	Week III			
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	Intentions of Stella McGann Peggy & George Birch Anniversary RIP Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Monday	4	St Charles Borromeo		9.15am	Ken Ward RIP	Saint Michael's
Tuesday	5	Ferial		7.00pm	Paul Ward 2 nd Anniversary RIP	Saint Joseph's
Wednesday	6	Ferial		9.15am	Holy Souls	Saint Joseph's
Thursday	7	Ferial		9.15am	Anne McManus RIP	Saint Michael's
Friday	8	Ferial		9.15am	Monsignor Peter Walton RIP	Saint Joseph's
Saturday	9	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of The Most Holy Redeemer		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Bishop Brian RIP Anniversary Adoration & Confessions Confession Pat, Joe & Brendan Fortune	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	10	Thirty Second Sunday Ordinary Time	Week IV			
				9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	All who have died in War Margaret McMullin Anniversary RIP Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's

Canon Niall writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. In our First Reading today from the Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy we hear the words of the 'Shema', a central prayer of the Jewish people, and fundamental to their understanding of God, and their way of living that faith, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength". In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus adds to this: "You must love your neighbour as yourself". This was a constant theme of Jesus' teaching, that you can recite all the words nicely, but if there is no 'heart' behind them it misses the point. A Religious Teacher genuinely asks Jesus about the 'Law' the 'Torah' of Moses, and what command is greatest. Jesus sums it up in the 'Love' of God that translates into how you treat others 'your neighbour'. In a time in our world when we are so aware of the 'coldness' 'inhumanity' of the way people treat each other, we are reminded that as we are renewed in God's tender, compassionate love, we in our turn are called to pass that on by our attitude, way of life and example, so that through us the warmth of that love can touch hearts, and be a source of hope and new beginning

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

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>

Sister Catherine FCJ: On Sunday 24th November the 9.30 Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for the service Sr Catherine FCJ has given in teaching and as our Parish Sister over some 40 years. Many of you will know that she is moving to start a new community house in Salford with four other companions. Sr. Catherine will be the last Faithful Companion of Jesus living and working in the Diocese.

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. This Wifi fault also affects the Contactless Donations Tablet.

Children's Liturgy at St Joseph's and St Michael' : 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: **Edinburgh Drive, Elm Rd North, Heswall Ave, Highgreen Rd, Hillside Rd, Holborn Hill, Durley Park Close.**

The Marian Lamp: burns each week in both our churches for particular prayer intentions. This week the Lamp in Saint Joseph's burns for **Michael Sullivan First Anniversary RIP.** The Lamp in Saint Michael's burns for **Jyothi Maria & 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.

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

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 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.

Charity Christmas Cards St Joseph's: There will be Christmas cards for sale after Sunday Mass at St Joseph's from TRANSFORM TRADE.org which since Traidcraft ceased trading has taken on some aspects of its work.. Please be ready to pay with cash. I know some parishioners who liked to support Traidcraft have missed their cards.

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 7th November from 9.30am onwards. Many hands make light work, any help greatly appreciated.

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

Training - New Lectionary: There will be a Training session for all Readers on Tuesday 5th November at 10.30 am in the Hazlehurst Room at St. Joseph's. Please make every effort to attend. Any others who are interested are also very welcome.

Talk by Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald at St Werburgh's Chester on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30 pm: Cardinal Fitzgerald has spent all his working life as a missionary on the interface between Islam and Christianity, heading important Vatican departments in this field and working in key Middle East postings, including Egypt and Jerusalem. He is coming to St Werburgh's (CH1 1QJ) to talk about Muslim-Christian Relations Today, and to answer our questions. All very welcome. 7.30 pm start, 8.15 pm Questions and Answers, 9.00 pm finish.

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.

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.

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

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.

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



Fundraising Events:

Tickets for the Christmas raffle will be available at the back of the two churches from the 2nd November. Donations for the raffle (Spirits, wine, chocolates etc.) and bottles for the bottle stall can be left at the back of church. Please be generous.

Tickets for the Christmas Party will also be available at the back of the two churches from the 2nd November. The draw for the raffle will take place at the Christmas party on Sunday the 1st December at the Parish centre.

Advanced notice: There will be an appeal to help towards heating and lighting the two churches on the weekends of 24th/25th November and 30th November/1st. December.

Welcome to John Mcgraa who was baptised in our Parish last weekend

**Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of
Father Denis Maher, Monsignor Peter Walton and
Jacqueline Nugent who have died recently.**

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

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon	cf. Psalm 37:22-23	<i>Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!</i>
Reading 1	Deut 6:2-6	<i>Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.</i>
Psalm	Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.2	<i>I love you, Lord, my strength.</i>
Reading 2	Heb 7:23-28	<i>Because he remains for ever, Christ can never lose his priesthood.</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 12:28-34	<i>This is the first commandment. The second is like it.</i>
Communion Antiphon	cf. Psalm 15:11	<i>You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, o Lord.</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: 27th October £604.77

Monthly Standing Orders: £1622

Development Society No: 27th October £50 Not Available

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Saint Joseph's Parish Centre

THE PARISH CENTRE IS NOW OPEN
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