

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 1 June 2025



SAINT PHILIP NERI

CATHOLIC PARISH BIRKENHEAD

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

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Church
Saturday	31	The visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Maura Bennett RIP Adoration & Confessions Confessions Pat McNellis RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	1	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Week III			
During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions: New Members for the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.				9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Meldin George Kathleen & Peter Mahony Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Monday	2	Ferial		9.15am	Carol Bass -Woodcock recovery from operation	Saint Michael's
Tuesday	3	St Charles Lwanga & Companions		7.00pm	Daniel Regan RIP	Saint Joseph's
Wednesday	4	Ferial		9.15am	Frank McSherry RIP	Saint Joseph's
Thursday	5	St Boniface		9.15am	Robert Mahony	Saint Michael's
Friday	6	Ferial		9.15am	Secular Clergy Fund	Saint Joseph's
Saturday	7	Ferial		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Thangachan Michael RIP Adoration & Confessions Confessions Geoffrey Bevan successful operation	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	8	Pentecost Sunday	Week II			
				9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Parishioners Daniel Regan RIP Brendan Bride RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's

Canon Niall writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This Seventh Sunday of Easter, falling between the Ascension and Pentecost, has a feel of moving the focus of the Risen Jesus in just one body, to his presence in the lives of all his people through the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel of St John today, from the end of what is known as Jesus' priestly prayer, he prays for his followers, that all the Father gives to Jesus, might be alive in them and that by their lives, the life of God that was made present in Jesus, may be present in them. The 'Body of Christ' is not just one person, but by the Gift of the Holy Spirit, we are the 'Body of Christ' in the here and now. We come to the Sacraments so that the life of Jesus may be strengthened in us, and that we may believe that we can be his living presence. In our world of today, with the concerns of divisions, conflict, climate change and the growing gap between rich and poor, nations thinking only of their own interests, that loving, caring presence of Jesus is needed more than ever. This time, amid all the concerns, uplifts us, and reminds us that every one of us, whoever, or whatever, our situation can allow that presence of Jesus to be real, alive and present in our lives, and that as the 'Body of Christ' show that care of God in our world

Prayer to the Holy Spirit – please pray this prayer every day

Come 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



The Holy 'Jubilee' Year:

We continue the 'Jubilee Year' or 'Holy Year' of Hope 2025 inaugurated by Pope Francis and continuing with Pope Leo, to share with our world, and make present in our lives, the loving heart of Christ

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill: The Report Stage of this Bill took place on 16 May. The final vote will take place now on Friday, 13th June. It is a Bill that concerns not just from those of a Religious background, but from many other groups and professions in society. Thank you to all who have written to their MPs or shared concerns through Social Media etc. Please we ask that if you have written to your MP already, please do so again. See the links below for further information. Let us hope and pray that whatever the outcome of the vote, the concerns raised will be taken into account before this is taken any further. For more from the Bishops of England & Wales please go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/statement-report-stage-terminally-ill-adults-end-of-life-bill/>

From the perspective of the concerns of Disabled People please see: <https://www.notdeadyetuk.org>

Marriage Help - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20-22 June www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

Churches Together: In Saint Joseph's church we are praying this week for those in the following roads: Mount Rd, Millington Close, Mount Rd, Mountwood Rd, North Rd, Oakdene Rd, Olive Crescent.

The Marian Lamp: burns each week in both our churches for particular prayer intentions. This week the Lamp in Saint Joseph's burns for the **Full recovery from illness for Claire**. The Lamp in Saint Michael's burns for **Delia and Steve Goulding**. 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.

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

St Michael's Piety Stall – A range of birthday cards, Baptism cards etc, Rosary Beads and other items are available to purchase at the back of Church.

Volunteers needed for St Joseph's: We would be grateful for more volunteers to help with the many different jobs at St Joseph's, including Cleaning, flower arranging, Grounds tidying etc. Please speak to Liz Brookes after Mass or let the office know if you are interested.

Books for sale at St Joseph's at the back of Church. Please leave a donation in the box. Any proceeds will go towards flowers for Church, Many thanks.

Foodbank: Please remember there is a continuing need for food. Please leave your donations at the back Church, many thanks.

St Michael's Church Cleaning: This Thursday 5th June after the 9.15am Mass. All help greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

St Joseph's Church Cleaning: This Thursday 5th June 9.30 onwards, All help greatly appreciated. Many thanks

St Joseph's Ladies Group: This Wednesday 4th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome!

Youth Ministry Job Opportunity // Castlerigg Manor: Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic retreat Centre in the Lake District run by the Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service. They are looking for a Programme Leader to help look after the residential team of young interns and to lead programmes both at Castlerigg and occasionally around the area. Competitive salary, as well as accommodation and food provided. Anyone interested can contact jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Day of Formation in Liturgical Prayer & Sacred Music:

A day of study, prayer, music and reflection. Led by Fr Guy Nicholls, Director of the St John Henry Newman Institute of Liturgical Music. Saturday 28th June at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton Street, Stockport, SK1 1EJ. A practical day course on understanding the Liturgy and use of Sacred Music within Mass. Begins at 11am and ends with a sung Mass at 5pm. Cost £5 per person (suggested donation payable on the day). Bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. To book or for more information, please email stockportshrine@gmail.com

Celebrate the Jubilee at WeBelieve, a festival of Catholic Life gathering the Church to share the hope that we have in Christ. From 25th-28th July, join us for four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, The Southwell Consort, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webelievifestival.com

Why Get Married: Have you ever wondered about the value or the point of getting married? Are you in a relationship and wondering where it is going? Are you a young person who wonders about your future and whether marriage might be for you? Does God have a plan for you? Do you know what it is? How can you know what is the best thing for you and any children you may have? Are you and your partner unmarried, just had a baby, seeking to have your child baptised and wanting the best for them? If so, we invite you to come and listen to what the Church (but also interestingly what social and psychological scientific research) has to say about marriage:

When: 28th June 2025

Time Retreat Start 10.30am (Mass 9.30am) Finish: 1.30pm

Where: Our Lady & The Apostles Church Hall 39 Shaw Heath, Stockport SK3 8BD

To register and for more Information please contact:

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A vacancy for an Energy Contracts Officer has arisen in the Interdiocesan Fuel Management Department (IFM) based at the Curial Offices in Birkenhead. Salary: £27-£30K depending on experience. Hours: 35 per week. Further details of the post can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> CV with covering letter should be directed to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
Closing date: 13 June 2025.



"Holy Father, I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me"
(John 17: 20-21)

Welcome to Daisy Swift who was baptised in our Parish last weekend

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of Bishop Mark Jabalé and all those who have died recently.

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

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon	Cf. Ps 26:7-9	<i>O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia</i>
Reading 1	Acts 7:55-60	<i>I see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.</i>
Psalm	Ps 96:1-2, 6-7, 9 r.1.9	<i>The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.</i>
Reading 2	Apoc 22:12-14, 16-17, 20	<i>Come, Lord Jesus!</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 14:18	<i>I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord; I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.</i>
Gospel	John 17:20-26	<i>May they become perfectly one</i>
Communion Antiphon	Jn 17:22	<i>Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia</i>

Parish Team:

Parish Priest: Canon Niall Mullaley
 Assistant Priest: Father Sleevappa Medikonda
 Assistant Priest: Father Malachy Ogbede
 Deacons: Reverends Gerard Boyle, Patrick Regan, Les Arch, Paul D'Ambrogio & John Birch

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Income: Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Collection: 25th May £679.59

Monthly Standing Orders: £1610

Development Society No: 18th May £50 216 Cath Eaton, 25th May £50 615 Pat McDonald

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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