

NEWSLETTER



SAINT PHILIP NERI

CATHOLIC PARISH BIRKENHEAD

Sunday 22 June 2025

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

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Church
Saturday	21	St Aloysius Gonzaga		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	James G Farrell RIP birthday remem Adoration & Confessions Confessions Pat McNellis RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	22	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Week IV			
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	Godwin Raymon Mahendran birthday Death Anniversary Aleyamma Chacko Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Monday	23	Ferial		9.15am	2 nd Death Anniversary Mr Varghese	Saint Michael's
Tuesday	24	Nativity of St John the Baptist		7.00pm	Fr Nicholas Enzama, 25 Ordination An.	Saint Joseph's
Wednesday	25	Ferial		9.15am	Margaret Berry RIP	Saint Joseph's
Thursday	26	Ferial		9.15am	Dan Regan RIP	Saint Michael's
Friday	27	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus		9.15am	Father David Mawson RIP	Saint Joseph's
Saturday	28	The Immaculate Heart of Mary		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Patsy Williams RIP Adoration & Confessions Confessions Pat, Joe & Brendan Fortune RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	29	Ss Peter & Paul	Week I			
				9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Margaret Anyon Anniversary RIP Parishioners June Christina Sutton RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's

Canon Niall writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, 'Corpus Christi', or more properly 'Corpus et Sanguis Christi'. This special day reminds us that as we journey back into the Church's Ordinary Time, all we celebrated and recalled in Holy Week and Eastertide, is available to us, and part of us in the gift of the Body & Blood of Christ to give us strength on the journey. As we recalled on Holy Thursday, when Jesus said 'This is my Body' he was not just referring to 'flesh and bone' but his 'totality', everything that made him who he was, all he had done, all he had achieved or would achieve, his whole 'story'. When he said 'This is my Blood' he was again, not just referring to 'red and white cells', 'plasma' and the like, but his whole 'life force'. Therefore when he said 'This is my Body, this is my Blood, do this to remember (recall) me', Jesus was inviting to share his whole Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Gift of the Holy Spirit; that his story becomes interwoven with our story, that as we receive the totality of God in Holy Communion, his Body & Blood, becomes part of our body & blood, enabling all of us together to be the Body of Christ in the here and now. Today we take fresh heart, that through our sharing in the Holy Eucharist, together with the whole Church throughout the world, we can be the living presence of Christ today!

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



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

Deanery Pastoral Forum: A reminder for those involved in the Deanery Pastoral Forum that the meeting will be on Monday, 30th June, 7.00pm in the meeting room of Our Lady's, Cavendish Street. We will send a reminder to those involved.

Shrewsbury Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: For information on our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, please go to:

www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill and Crime and Policing Bill:

Thank you to all who have contacted their MP's about the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill and the Crime and Policing Bill concerning restrictions on the abortion laws. These votes will have taken place by now. The amendments to the Crime and Policing Bill passed, removing many of the restrictions on abortion regulations. As we print this newsletter the vote on the End of Life Bill will take place Friday evening, 20th June. As we move forward with these results, we continue to witness to respect for the gift of life at all its stages, and respect for the most vulnerable in our society. For more information please go the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales Website:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

For the 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: Liversidge Rd, Lytton Ave, Layton Ave, Linden Dr, Malpas Ave, Mallory Rd & Malvern Grove.

St Joseph's after Sunday 9.30am Mass refreshments:

Starting from Sunday 29th June there will be tea, coffee and cakes after the 9.30am Mass once a month in the Raiswell room. All very welcome.

The Marian Lamp: burns each week in both our churches for particular prayer intentions. This week the Lamp in Saint Joseph's burns for **Julie**. The Lamp in Saint Michael's burns for **Cath Burke**. 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.

Parish Youth to Lourdes Fundraising THIS SUNDAY:

There will be bacon rolls and refreshments after the 11am Mass at St Michael's this Sunday 22nd June to raise funds for the Parish Youth who are travelling to Lourdes this July with the Diocese as helpers. Bacon rolls £2 each and donations for tea/coffee and cake. They will also be holding a raffle including another bottle of Jura Whiskey and raffle tickets can be bought from this weekend and will be drawn at the fundraiser on 22nd June. Please come and support them or if you wish to make a donation please give into the Parish Office, many thanks for all your very kind support.

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

Anointing & healing Service: Friday 4th July at 7pm at St John's Church, Bebington Road, New Ferry, All welcome.

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.

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.webeliefefestival.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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jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Mobile: 07517 906435.

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

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

Family & Social Group stays at Castlerigg this August:

Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic residential youth centre in the Lake District and its opening its doors to family groups and social groups this August. There are single rooms, twin rooms, and large family rooms at very cheap rates. Guests have access to the grounds, chapel, games room, and lounges, with Keswick and the Lake only a short walk away. For more info
director@castleriggmanor.co.uk
www.castleriggmanor.com/open

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.

Lourdes by Jumbulance: Chester Across Group are going to Lourdes on 14th to 23rd August. There are vacancies for sick and disabled pilgrims and for nurses and helpers. For more information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or
tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk



"The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'"
(1 Corinthians 12: 23b-25)

Welcome to Estela McCabe who was baptised in the Parish last weekend.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Margaret Berry, David (Dave) Smith, Father David Mawson 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 80:17	<i>He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock</i>
Reading 1	Gen 14:18-20	<i>He offered bread and wine.</i>
Psalm	Ps 109:1-4 r.4	<i>You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek</i>
Reading 2	1 Cor 11:23-26	<i>For as often as you eat and drink, you proclaim the Lord's death.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 6:51-52	<i>I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.</i>
Gospel	Luke 9:11-17	<i>All ate and were satisfied</i>
Communion Antiphon	Jn 6:57	<i>Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord</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

Parish Office:

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 Live Stream: www.churchservices.tv/woodchurch
 Parish YouTube Channel: via www.saint-philip-neri.co.uk

Income: Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Collection: 15th June £719.00

Monthly Standing Orders: £1610

Development Society No: 15th June £50 134 Daria McCusker

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Saint Joseph's Parish Centre

THE PARISH CENTRE IS NOW OPEN

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0345 241 2485

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[Saint Michael's Church Tour Video](#) view on the website or the QR codes on the posters at Church