

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 6 July 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	5	Ferial		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	John Murphy birthday remembrance Adoration & Confessions Confessions Mary Dooley sickness	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	6	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Week II			
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	Parishioners Daniel Regan RIP Robert Williams RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Monday	7	Ferial		9.15am	Francis Boyle	Saint Michael's
Tuesday	8	Ferial		7.00pm	Father Adam Bamber Intention	Saint Joseph's
Wednesday	9	Ferial		9.15am	Maughan Family Intention	Saint Joseph's
Thursday	10	Ferial		9.15am	Fulfilment of God's plan in our lives	Saint Michael's
Friday	11	St Benedict		9.15am 9.30am	Priest's Intention Funeral Service for David (Dave) Smith	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's
Saturday	12	Ferial		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Father Joseph Fawcett-Wood Intention Adoration & Confessions Confessions Moir Miller for recovery	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	13	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Week III			
				9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Wellbeing of Gill Davenport Parishioners George Albert Karl Howard RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's

Canon Niall writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. In today's readings we have the message of peace being shared and proclaimed to bring new hope based in a living relationship with God. In the prophet Isaiah, those who are in exile in Babylon are promised a loving return to their homeland and a renewed peace with God. In today's Gospel Jesus sends out his disciples to proclaim the 'kingdom' the 'way' of God. Their first words are to be "Peace to this House". 'Peace' does not just mean an absence of violence and conflict, but a restoration of 'right-relationship' with God. By allowing the Way of God into our lives it begins the restoration of harmony with God, a renewal in sharing in God's vision that helps us see, act and respond with the heart and mind of God. It gives us an inner peace, strength and joy that whatever the circumstances around us, root us in Christ. This is the peace that St Paul shares in the letter to the Galatians. Today, when we hear of so much division and, conflict and despair in our world, we take heart that peace of God we can welcome into our 'house', ourselves, and root us in a living peace that no power on this earth can overcome

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

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: As we move forward with the results of the recent votes, 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>

Churches Together: In Saint Joseph's church we are praying this week for those in the following roads: **Grainger Ave, Gressford Ave, Holm Hey Rd, Kirkland Ave, Landican Lane, Larch Rd & Laurel Rd.**

The Marian Lamp: burns each week in both our churches for particular prayer intentions. This week the Lamp in Saint Joseph's burns for **Sue H for a speedy return to full health.** The Lamp in Saint Michael's burns for **Norma & John Smith.** 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.

Steps of Hope: Pete Graham from St Joseph's Upton is undertaking a personal pilgrimage this summer when he will walk from his home in Upton to attend a Sunday Mass at all 23 churches in the Wirral Deaneries to raise money for CARITAS-Shrewsbury. The walks will total 65 mile (100Km). Pete will come to the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's here next Sunday, 13th July and to the 11.00am



Mass at St Michael's on Sunday, 20th July. He will say a few words at the end of these Masses. To donate to this effort please use the QR code here or on the posters in church or consider regular giving at www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk to help children, families and communities in our Diocese.

Deanery Pastoral Forum: Many thanks to the Parish Representatives from across our Birkenhead and East Wirral Deanery, to the initial meeting of the Deanery Pastoral Forum last week. We will. Be taking this Deanery Pastoral Forum forward in the autumn as a framework to help build and work together in our mission to share the Gospel of Jesus in this area.

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.

Ordinations to the Priesthood of Deacon Adam Bamber and Deacon Joseph Fawcett-Wood: This Saturday, 5th July, Bishop Mark will ordain Deacon Adam Bamber to the priesthood in Diocesan Cathedral in Shrewsbury, and the following Saturday, 12th July, also in Shrewsbury Cathedral, Bishop Mark will ordain Deacon Joseph Fawcett-Wood to the priesthood. Both Adam and Joe will serve as priests of our Diocese. Please keep them in your prayers as they approach this special moment in their lives, and prepare for their ministry among us.

Welcome back to William Muh Ngong: In the week we welcomed back Acolyte William Muh Ngong, after the Seminary at Oscott College in Birmingham broke up for the summer. William, who has a home base with us, will be here for the summer, before commencing the next part of his formation in the autumn. It is good to have him back with for a little while.

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.webelievefestival.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

National Pilgrimage to Walsingham: There are posters in both our Churches concerning the National Pilgrimage to Walsingham in Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life on Saturday, 2nd August 2025. For more details see the poster of go to: www.prolifepilgrimage.org

Jubilee of Social Justice: Caritas, social action network are having a special Mass for the Jubilee Year at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral at 12.noon on Saturday, 20th September 2025, led by the Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon, Archbishop Emeritus of Liverpool. See the poster for more details.



"For thus says the Lord: 'Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream'"
(Isaiah 66:12a)

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest"
(Luke 10:2)

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of David (Dave) Smith, William (Billy) Smith Frank Lewis 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 47:10-11	<i>Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice</i>
Reading 1	Isa 66:10-14	<i>Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river</i>
Psalm	Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20 r.1	<i>Cry out with joy to God all the earth.</i>
Reading 2	Gal 6:14-18	<i>I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Col 3:15.16	<i>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly</i>
Gospel	Luke 10:1-12, 17-20	<i>Your peace will rest upon him</i>
Communion Antiphon	Ps 33-9	<i>Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him</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:



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

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Offertory Collection: 29th June £1045 Monthly Standing Orders: £1610

Development Society No:148 SVP Frederick 29th June £50

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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