

# NEWSLETTER



**SAINT PHILIP NERI**  
CATHOLIC PARISH BIRKENHEAD

**Sunday 14 June 2026**

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

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Church
Saturday	13	The Immaculate Heart of Mary		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Baby Jimmy Recovery Adoration & Confessions Confessions Patricia McNelis	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Week III</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: Human life, Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights: Europe: Seafarers				9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Mary O'Shea RIP Leone Monaco Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Monday	15	Ferial		9.30am	Philip Gaunt	Saint Michael's
Tuesday	16	Ferial		7.00pm	For All the Lost and Forgotten Souls of Scotland	Saint Joseph's
Wednesday	17	Ferial		9.15am	A special Family intention	Saint Joseph's
Thursday	18	ferial		9.30am 11.30am	Andrew Pacey 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Funeral Service for Alice Lyons	Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Friday	19	Ferial		9.15am	Marlene Robb RIP	Saint Joseph's
Saturday	20	Ferial		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Priest's intention Adoration & Confessions Confessions Joan Delaney for speedy recovery	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Week IV</b>			
				9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Parishioners Joanne Burdett James G Farrell birthday remembrance	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's

## Canon Niall writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This weekend, now that the celebration of the two Sunday Solemnities that follow after Eastertide is complete, the 'Most Holy Trinity' and the 'Body & Blood of Christ', we now return to the Ordinary Sundays of 'Year A' in the cycle of readings with the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Both the First Reading and the Gospel have the theme of 'calling'. In the First Reading from the Old Testament Book of Exodus we have the scene of God calling the people of Israel to be 'his people' his "treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine, and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." In the Gospel Jesus, from his disciples, chooses twelve 'apostles', a name which means 'sent', to share in his mission. The choosing of 'twelve' represents the twelve tribes of Israel, the people who we saw in the First Reading were originally called to share in the revelation of God's way to humanity. Jesus sees a huge need in humanity and he "had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Jesus truly saw with the heart of love, mercy, compassion and sought to reach out to that need and 'sent' his apostles and disciples to make that message of hope a living message. We are aware that in our world today there are many who feel 'harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd'. After meeting Jesus in Word and Sacrament in Mass we too are 'sent out', each in our own way so that we can, wherever we find ourselves, share something of the hope, mercy, care and compassion of Christ that we receive. We are the people of God who are 'chosen and called' today to make that message a 'living message'

*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 – awaiting appointment & Saint Joseph's - Marie Fisher**

**Parish Team:**

Parish Priest: Canon Niall Mullaley  
 Assistant Priest: Father Malachy Ogbede  
 In Residence: Father Sijo Poulose (*Syro-Malabar Rite*)  
 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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Live Stream: [www.churchservices.tv/woodchurch](http://www.churchservices.tv/woodchurch)

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

**New Diocesan Website:** To mark our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a new website has been launched for the Diocese of Shrewsbury. The renewed website is not merely a platform for information but offers a window on the life and witness of our Shrewsbury Diocese. The website can be accessed by clicking on:

<https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/>

**Farewell to Father Sam Thotamala:** Father Sam Thotamala has been assisting at Holy Apostles and Martyrs' Parish, Wallasey since he left us in December 2024. This weekend he says farewell to Wallasey and our Diocese as he returns to his home Diocese of Khammam, Telangana State, India. Our thanks go to Father Sam for his work and ministry among us, both here and in Wallasey, and our prayers and best wishes go to him for the future.

**Parish Finances:** On the noticeboard in both our church buildings is a summary of the financial return for the year 2025/26. Unfortunately like a lot of Parishes in the current circumstances with rising fuel prices and the costs to run our parish with two listed buildings etc you will see that we continue to pay out a lot more than we receive. Thank you to all for your generous offertory donations and fundraising.

**QR Code and DONA Pay Stations:** Thank you to everyone who has let us know about the problems with the 'QR Code'. The code does connect to the web page for donations, takes card details but cannot proceed further. We have spoken to those who provide this service and they are aware of the cause of the problem, and hope to rectify it as soon as possible. The Digital Payment Station at St Michael's works occasionally, so do please try it. The Payment Station at St Joseph's is out of action for the time being. It is our hope we can get this all sorted before too long.

**Parish Fundraising Concert:** Many thanks to everyone who attended our Parish Fundraising Concert with the Warrington Male Voice Choir, which took place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May at St Michael and All Angels Church. We raised an amazing total of over £1,000.00 from which we have made a donation to the choir as a thank you for their support. It was an enjoyable evening, with lots of lovely comments being made by those who attended. I have been asked by the Choir to say thank you on their behalf, they always look forward to performing for us. Thank you once again. Deacon Gerard

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

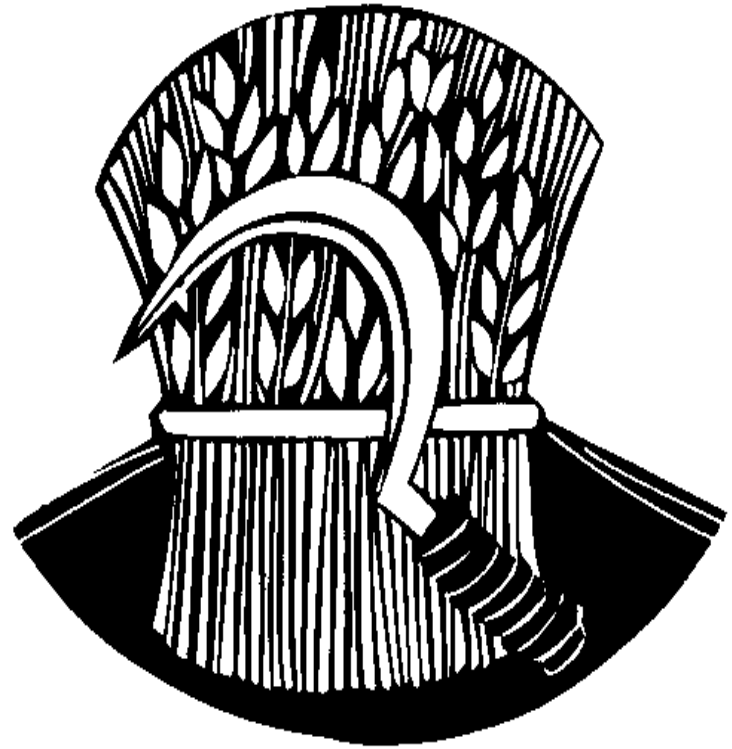
**Mass intentions St Michael's:** Please bear with us if your Mass intention hasn't yet been said as currently we have a lot of intentions especially for a Saturday night (approximately a few months wait) and Sunday morning, thank you.

**Tea, coffee and cakes, St Joseph's** Thanks to the excellent bakers, we'll be able to enjoy tea, coffee and cakes on the last Sunday of each month, unless there is a Baptism planned. Watch the dates for your diary section of the newsletter

**Churches Together:** In Saint Joseph's church we are praying this week for those in the following roads: **Cambridge Rd, Carlaw Rd, Cecil Rd, Elm Rd, Everest Rd, Fairview Rd & Fieldway.**

**Foundation Governor for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School:** 'Foundation Governors' are appointed by Bishop Mark to help support the Catholic Identity of our Schools. In a Catholic School the majority of the Governing Body are Foundation Governors. One of our Parish Primary Schools, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, are looking for a Foundation Governor. If you are a practising Catholic and would be interested to help, please contact the school for further information, please see the contact details on the back page of the Newsletter and see the link below....

<https://educationshrewsbury.org/governance/>



*"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; there pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest"*

*(Matthew 9: 37-38)*

Welcome to  
Michael Arthur Courts  
who was baptised in the Parish last weekend

Please Pray for the Repose of the  
Soul of Alice Lyons, Marlene Robb, William Price  
and all those who have died recently  
May they rest in peace,  
in the arms of the Good Shepherd

# Readings at Mass

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	Cf. Ps 26:7,9	<i>O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!</i>
<b>Reading 1</b>	Exod 19:2-6	<i>You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 99:2-3. 5 r.3	<b><i>We are his people: the sheep of his flock.</i></b>
<b>Reading 2</b>	Rom 5:6-11	<i>If we were reconciled by the death of the Son, much more shall we be saved by his life.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Mark 1:15	<i>The kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	Matt 9:36–10:8	<i>Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and sent them out</i>
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	Ps 26:4	<i>There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life</i>

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

*Offertory Collection:* 7<sup>th</sup> June £770

Monthly Standing Orders: £1610

*Development Society Winner:* 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026 £50 894 N McLoughlin

**DIGITAL DONATIONS :** All banks have now significantly increased their handling charges for cash deposits made by the parish and our Wi-Fi connections here in church have proved problematic to us for some time now. For these reasons we are asking that if it is at all possible please use this QR Code with your mobile phones to make donations for your offertory rather than cash on the plate. The link will take you to Dona Donations Site used throughout the Diocese which enables us to also claim back 25p every time an individual donates £1 up to the value of £30 for each act of giving as GIFT AID



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