

NEWSLETTER



SAINT PHILIP NERI
CATHOLIC PARISH BIRKENHEAD

Sunday 21 June 2026

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

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Church
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
Sunday	21	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Week IV			
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	Parishioners Joanne Burdett James G Farrell birthday remembrance	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Monday	22	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More		9.30am	Michelle Johnson	Saint Michael's
Tuesday	23	Ferial		7.00pm	Prayers Answered Sacred Heart	Saint Joseph's
Wednesday	24	The Nativity of St John the Baptist		9.15am	Healing Support (MB)	Saint Joseph's
Thursday	25	ferial		9.30am 11.00am	Wendy Tiley Funeral Service for William Price	Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Friday	26	Ferial		9.15am	Maureen McCann (Sick)	Saint Joseph's
Saturday	27	Ferial		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Pauline Tamm RIP Adoration & Confessions Confessions Philip Gaunt RIP	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	28	Ss Peter & Paul	Week I			
				9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Parishioners Sandra Doyle RIP Otto Rehak	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's

Canon Niall writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. The Old Testament prophet Jeremiah was the last prophet in Jerusalem before the Babylonians sacked the city and took most of the inhabitants into exile as slaves in 586 BC. He was the 'final warning' to all from the king downwards to 'change their ways' or this disaster would happen. Jeremiah did not relish the task he was given, and hated giving this harsh message, but he persevered because it was right. The authorities did not like him and tried to 'shut him up', but he trusted and hoped in the Lord and proclaimed his message with real courage. In this weekend's Gospel of St Matthew Jesus tells his followers to persevere in the face of difficulty. Following Jesus wasn't always easy, it sometimes involved great hostility and persecution. The followers of Jesus often had to make many sacrifices, and often it might have seemed to them that these were unnoticed, that nobody cared and it was all for nothing. Jesus reminds them to persevere, before God it is noticed and valued and does make a difference. By their trust and faithfulness, even in the hardest of times they were opening a mighty channel for God's Way (the Kingdom of God) to 'break into' the here and now. At a time today when sharing and seeking to live the Gospel of Jesus today might involve ridicule and derision, and in some places downright persecution, we are called to persevere and keep opening that channel that 'Way', the 'Kingdom of God' to break in. The message, the 'Good News' of Jesus is needed more than ever, and often it will only be by our perseverance that the way will be opened. We might not see 'instant results', it is often by faithfully persevering in the path that is right that seeds can be shown, and bear fruit at another time or occasion. I have so often in my ministry heard years later from someone who may be working in somewhere where I was once stationed, that something I said, or was involved with, bore fruit for someone when some challenge came their way. I might not remember saying or doing what I did, but God planted the seed. So today we 'take' heart' and seek courage to persevere on the way, knowing that God can, and does, work through and in us

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:

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New Diocesan Website: To mark our 175th 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/>

New Parish Office opening times: From this week onwards the Parish Office opening times will normally be 9.00am to 12.noon.

Father Anthony Wild: Many parishioners have been concerned about Father Anthony Wild after he took ill during 5.00pm Mass last Sunday. After a few days in Hospital, Father Anthony is now back home, and receiving care and support there. He is very grateful for the concern, prayer and kind wishes that have been shown by so many. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues on the road to recovery.

Hospital Procedure: Just to let you know that I, Canon Niall, will be going into Hospital for a Day Procedure this coming Monday, 22nd June. This will necessitate a period of rest and recuperation afterwards; hopefully I will not be away too long, possibly about two weeks all being well.

Father Sam Thotamala leaves for India: Father Sam Thotamala, who left our Parish in December 2024, left Holy Apostles and Martyrs' Parish, Wallasey last weekend to return to his home Diocese of Khammam, Telangana State, India. I saw him last Sunday, and gave him a card from St Philip Neri Parish here with our thanks for his work and ministry among us, both here and in Wallasey. We will offer Mass for him in the near future. 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.

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

Church Cleaning: This coming Thursday morning is time for church cleaning at St Michael & All Angels. If you can spare the time after mass the team would appreciate your help by joining them.

QR Code and DONA Pay Stations: We are aware of 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. Thank you for your patience, as these things often take longer to sort than we would wish!



The Marian Lamp: burns each week in both our churches for particular prayer intentions. This week the Lamp in Saint Joseph's burns for **James G Farrell birthday remembrance**. The Lamp in Saint Michael's burns for **All Young People trying to find work**. 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.

Churches Together: In Saint Joseph's church we are praying this week for those in the following roads: **Bryanston Rd, Burrell Close, Burrell Court, Cressington Ave, Crofton Rd, Cumberland Ave, Dingle Rd, Derby Rd & Dovedale Close.**

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/>

**Welcome to
Aubrey Winifred Fisher
who was baptised in the Parish last weekend**

**Please Pray for the Repose of the
Soul of 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

Entrance Antiphon	Cf. Ps 27:8-9	<i>The lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever</i>
Reading 1	Jer 20:10-13	<i>He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.</i>
Psalm	Ps 68:8-10. 14.17. 33-35 r.14	<i>In your great mercy, answer me, O God.</i>
Reading 2	Rom 5:12-15	<i>The free gift is not like the trespass</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 15:26. 27	<i>The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord, and you also will bear witnesses.</i>
Gospel	Matt 10:26-33	<i>Do not fear those who kill the body.</i>
Communion Antiphon	Ps 144:15	<i>The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season</i>

Income: Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Collection: 14th June £606

Monthly Standing Orders: £1610

Development Society Winner: 14th June 2026 £50 521 Tony Williams

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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