

NEWSLETTER



SAINT PHILIP NERI

Sunday 1 November 2026

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

CATHOLIC PARISH BIRKENHEAD

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Church
Saturday	31	Ferial		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Priest's intention Adoration & Confessions Confessions Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	1	All Saints	Week III			
During Ordinary Time (Autumn) i.e. from September to Christ the King, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; the Harvest; the fruits of Human work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their families				9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Paddy O'Brien William & Maud Cavanagh Secular Clergy Fund	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Monday	2	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed		9.15am 7.00pm	Holy Souls Holy Souls	Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's
Tuesday	3	St Winefride		7.00pm	Paul Ward 4 th Anniversary RIP	Saint Joseph's
Wednesday	4	St Charles Borromeo		9.15am	Fr Greg & Aurora Noronha RIP	Saint Joseph's
Thursday	5	Ferial		9.30am	Vincent de Paul Roper Anniversary RIP	Saint Michael's
Friday	6	Ferial		9.15am	Priest's intention	Saint Joseph's
Saturday	7	Ferial		10.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Barney & Lucy McCartan RIP Adoration & Confessions Confessions Special intention Mary Quinn	Saint Joseph's Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Michael's
Sunday	8	Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Week IV			
				9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Intentions of Philippa Elvins Fran & Steve Davies remembrance Parishioners	Saint Joseph's Saint Michael's Saint Joseph's

Canon Niall writes..... Welcome to this week's newsletter. This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. The month of November that follows is a time of prayer for the 'Holy Souls'; those who have gone before us. In a way, with All Saints Day, All Souls and the month of November we celebrate a 'circle of love'. The Baptism Rite and the Apostles Creed speak about the 'communion of saints'; a reminder that the family of God's people is made up of those of us journeying through this life, those who have died and are being set free to open fully into God's presence, the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and those who have fully entered into the fullness of God's presence, the Saints. The Saints' prayer helps us on our journey, our prayer helps those who have died and are that state of 'purgation' being set free to enter into the fullness of God's presence, so that they, entering fully into the life of the Saints, can then help us with their prayer, and the circle of life-giving love continues. Today we remember that we are all part of that 'communion of saints' and that supporting each other in prayer, we are never alone

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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Solemnity of All Saints, This Sunday, 1st November
and All Souls Day, Monday 2nd November:

This year the Solemnity of the All Saints falls this coming Sunday, 1st November and displaces the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, All Souls Day, falls on Monday, 2nd November. Although this is not a Holyday of Obligation, it is a day when people wish to come to Mass to specially remember their loved ones. In addition to the usual 9.30am Mass at St Michael's that day there will also be an extra Mass that Monday evening at 7.00pm at St Joseph's for those who may find it easier to attend then.

November Service of Remembrance for all the Faithful Departed:

The Annual Service to Remember our loved one in this month of the Holy Souls will take place on Thursday, 19th November, 7.00pm at St Michael's Church. More details will follow closer the time.

QR Code and DONA Pay Stations Update: Both the Contactless Payment Stations at St Joseph's and St Michael's are now working again. The Contactless Payment Station at St Joseph's is now by the door to the Sacristy by the old votive stands. The QR Code on the Newsletter, Cards and Website is also accepting payments again. Thank you to all who have helped get these back up and running again, and thanks to everyone for your understanding

Sunday 1st November 2026 – 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's: Coffee, tea and cakes will be available following Mass. If you can, please do join us. Proceeds will be donated to the SVP Christmas Appeal, Many thanks.

Congratulations to Upton Hall: We have received word that Upton Hall School FCJ is celebrating a wonderful inspection outcome. Ofsted inspectors recognised the schools outstanding commitment to its pupils and 6th form students through the award of the highest judgement, exceptional, in both Behaviour and Attendance and Personal Development and Wellbeing. Our Parish of St Philip Neri wish to congratulate them in this result and hope it will serve as an encouragement for them to flourish in their mission to allow their students to flourish and grow into the people God has called them to be.

The Marian Lamp: burns each week in both our churches for particular prayer intentions. This week the Lamp in Saint Joseph's burns for '**Peace in the World**'. The Lamp in Saint Michael's burns for '**All working for Peace and Reconciliation**'. 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.

Confirmation 2027 – We will be starting the preparation sessions for this year's confirmation programme for any young person who is in **Year 8** or above on Thursday 5th November at 7pm in Our Lady's. Information cards with all the times & dates are available at the back of Church.

Churches Together: In Saint Joseph's church we are praying this week for those in the following roads: **Parkhurst Rd, Pennine Rd, Pine Walks, Prenton Rd East, Raffles Rd, Rawcliffe Rd & Rectory Close.**

Vacancy in the Diocesan Finance Office: A vacancy has arisen within the Diocese for a Fundraising and Planned Giving Manager. Hours: Full time. Rate of pay: Competitive, commensurate with experience. Further details can be found via the Diocesan Website:

<https://dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers/fundraising-and-planned-giving-manager-2>

Closing date: 27 November 2026. Please contact

Pauline McCulloch:

recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org for an application form.

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/>

A repeat of last week's message from the Headteacher, St Joseph's Primary School: I am just writing to let my Parish family know that after 10 happy years, I am leaving St Joseph's to take up a Headteacher post at a school in Chester. I have been Headteacher at St Joseph's since 2016, having served initially as Deputy (and of course as a pupil!). It has been an honour and a privilege to lead the school and to work alongside such a dedicated and committed team. An opportunity arose to take on the Headteacher post at a school in Chester, and so last Summer I interviewed and was successful. I start there in January so this is my last term at St Joseph's. The process for recruiting the next St Joseph's Headteacher will begin in the Spring term. I want to thank the Parish for all your support and prayers over the years, and ask that you continue to pray for the children of St Joseph's. I am looking forward to my next steps and will always have fond memories of the school, the children, the staff and Parish and I am sure all who are part of the St Joseph's and St Philip Neri family will continue to flourish and live life to the full. Best wishes, Mr Turner

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

St Joseph's Church Cleaning: Thursday 5th November from 9.30am onwards, All help greatly appreciated, thank you.

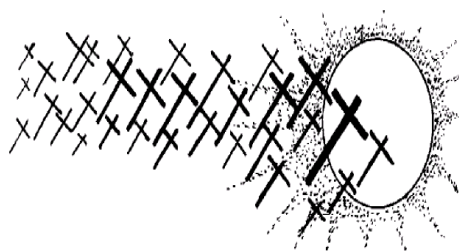
November List:

We are approaching the time of year when as a church we remember those who have died. Each year we write up a

Book of Remembrance

to display in the church throughout the month of November. If you would like names of friends or family members entered into the book this year then please make an offering and request using the envelopes provided at the back of church or write Month of the Holy Souls on an envelope with the names of those you wish to be included and place them on the usual offertory collection. Mass will be offered each week during the month of November for all whose names have been placed in the envelopes under the title of 'Holy Souls'. **(Those whose funerals have been held in our Parish over the last year will already be included in the book)**

Christmas Raffle: We will be holding a Christmas Raffle in December to raise money for Parish funds. We would be grateful for donations of Spirits, Wine, Chocolates and boxes of biscuits for raffle prizes. Please leave at the back of St Michael's or in the Sacristy at St Joseph's. Many thanks for your generosity. **Tickets are now on sale at the back of Mass £1 a strip**, the draw will take place at the beginning of December.



"Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3: 2-3)

**Please Pray for the Repose of the soul of Doreen Colman and all those who have died recently
May they rest in peace,
in the arms of the Good Shepherd**

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon		<i>Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the saints, at whose festival the angels rejoice and praise the Son of God</i>
Reading 1	Rev 7:2-4,9-14	<i>Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.</i>
Psalm	Ps 23:1-6 r.6	<i>Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.</i>
Reading 2	1 John 3:1-3	<i>We shall see God as he is.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Matt 11:28	<i>Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord and I will give you rest.</i>
Gospel	Matt 5:1-12	<i>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.</i>
Communion Antiphon	Mt 5:8-10	<i>Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven</i>

Income: Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Collection: 25th October £954.45

Monthly Standing Orders: £1654

Development Society Winner: 25th October £50 Chris Perkins

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