

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THE THAMES CLEAN UP

This Saturday 9th September

Come and join a group from St Michael's clean up the river banks near Sonning. Meeting at Sonning bridge 10am - 12pm - followed by tea and sandwiches. Please see the sign up sheet at the back of church

ST MICHAEL'S PATRONAL WEEKEND 29TH SEPTEMBER—1ST OCTOBER

Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will give a talk on Friday evening at 7pm and on Saturday morning at 10am Teas and coffees will be served.

Saturday, 30th September - St Michael's Ceilidh 7pm - 11pm
At Peppard Memorial Hall, Gallowstree Common

Sunday, 1st October - Produce sale on behalf of CIRDIC
Shared Lunch after the 10.30am Mass & AGM

MASSES FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday 14th and Sunday, 15th October

Do you know someone or would you like to come yourself but need transport? Please contact the Church office or speak with Fr Michael or Deacon Brian.

DAY FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Saturday, 14th October. 9.45am—3.00pm

An opportunity for spouses to remember their wedding day and reflect on their marriage journey together.

The day will be led by couples from St Michael's and St Anne's using words, images and music.

Drinks will be provided. Bring your lunch.

There is no cost

Thought for the Week

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th September 2023

“O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.” Ps 94

What are our priorities? A friend of ours living a very busy life spent a day listing his activities and then went on a Retreat to discern what of these activities “belonged to the Lord” and what could be dropped.

In three weeks' time we have the opportunity to go on a short retreat ourselves led by our Dean - Canon Paul Fitzpatrick. The Dean lectures at Oscott college and is the parish priest at The Sacred Heart Church in Henley, so we are very fortunate in our small parish to have him come to spend the weekend with us.

Canon Fitzpatrick will give two talks; one on Friday evening at 7pm and one on Saturday morning at 10am. Please do consider coming to both talks or at least one, if you can.

Jesus says, “*Follow me!*” Whilst we give thanks for what he has done in the past, we must be alert to what he is doing today. This is our time – our opportunity. We need to be open to what the Lord is doing now.

We need to continue to discern; to look, listen and recognise what the Lord is saying to each one of us. This is something Pope Francis talks about and we never know in advance what the outcome of discernment may be.

So have we reserved Saturday, 30th September for this Retreat?

And are we ready to look, listen and recognise what our Lord is saying to each one of us ?



We ask you please, to pray for the following people who continue to ask for your prayers;

Please pray for Father Paul Rowan whose further recovery from cancer surgery is proving difficult.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan who is 10 and whose Leukaemia has returned. Rogan had a bone marrow transplant, so he continues to need our prayers.

Please Pray for Jim Hardiman.

Please Pray for Maria McNamara's niece who is undergoing chemotherapy. Her name is Alison Flynn née McNamara.

Please pray for Reuben Muston aged 17 (Theresa and Mike Muston's grandson) who has had his stem cell transplant to treat the Aplastic Anaemia. He still needs our prayers please for a successful outcome.

Please pray for Beth Selwood.

Please pray for Savanna Clark (aged 2 with eye trouble).

Please pray for Shirley Trollop.

Please pray for Isobel Messenger (Vera Bird's great granddaughter) she has now had her operation to improve her hearing.

Please pray for Simon Keen who is recovering from an operation.

Please pray for Mary Hagger.

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has cancer

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid.

Please pray for the residents and staff of Abbeycrest and St Luke's.

Please pray for the pupils, teachers and parents of St Martin's school.



Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including;

Peter Baylis, Freda Miller, Michael Rehberger, Ron Van Bree, Victims of the Twin Towers NY, Alf Wade, Christopher Wade, Joyce Rebeiro, Joan Bredon, Donald Andrews, Johnny Gaudencio, Freda Miller, Esther Roman Zambrano, Seraphrno Antao, Helenor Kizer, Minnie Tillotson.