

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YOUTH MASS EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

PLASTIC BLITZ LITTER PICK -

31st August, 10am – 12.30pm

sandwiches and tea and coffee provided

A sign up sheet is now available at the back of Church

Please join in with other parishioners helping to clean up the riverside.

Meeting place: Copa Club, Sonning.

Please see the poster at the back of Church for further details.

ST MICHAEL'S PATRONAL WEEKEND

28TH – 30TH SEPTEMBER

Services, talks and events to celebrate

St Michael's feast day and the life of the parish

Including the return of our craft and produce sale

and a shared lunch on Sunday 30th.

A RAMBLE FOR READING REFUGEES SATURDAY 5TH, OCTOBER

Details to follow

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THE WEEKEND OF THE 13TH OCTOBER, AT ALL MASSES

20th OCTOBER Special Mass for those having a significant Marriage Jubilee this year e.g. 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 years

Thought for the week **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **11th August, 2024**

In our Gospel today, we hear the third of five readings taken from chapter six of John's gospel. John is teaching us that,

"Jesus is the Bread of Life, the living bread that has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die but will live forever."

At the Last Supper and by his passion and death, Jesus transformed the ancient Passover Meal, where a lamb was sacrificed, into the ultimate sacrifice of himself, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. At every Mass, we participate in the sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf so that we can share in his resurrection.

Through the action of the priest Jesus becomes present in the species that we see and taste as bread and wine, but are in reality his body and blood. Due to our human nature and familiarity with the Mass we can become somewhat complacent about the reality of what is before us.

I was reminded of the reverence the Blessed Sacrament arouses in people at the New Dawn Conference in Walsingham some years ago. This annual conference is praying for a "new dawn" in the relationship between England and Our Lady, because Pope Leo XIII said in 1893,

"When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England."

During the conference a deacon was asked to transfer the Blessed Sacrament between the marquee in which Mass was celebrated and the Chapel of Reconciliation. He was accompanied by a sacristan who rang a bell to let people know that the Blessed Sacrament was among them. As we walked across the fields all conversations stopped, children stopped playing games, food was put aside and everyone turned towards us and fell to their knees as we passed. Likewise, during the mile-long procession from the shrine to Walsingham Abbey, people at the roadside fell to their knees as the Blessed Sacrament passed.

As Catholics we are extremely blessed to have the Blessed Sacrament as part of our tradition. Let us encourage one another to be more aware of this wonderful gift among us and take every opportunity to receive the blessings Jesus himself offers to us.

Deacon Brian



We ask you please, to pray for the following people who need your prayers:

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan whose Leukaemia has returned and very sadly they say nothing more can be done. Prayers are needed more than ever now.

Please pray for Mary Edwards who has had hip surgery.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Robert Brooks who is now undergoing chemotherapy.

Please pray for Kim, Paul and Joe Bunton (Joe has severe learning difficulties). Please pray that they receive the help they need.

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 had Aplastic Anaemia. He still needs our prayers that he will continue to improve.

Please pray for Savanna Clark (aged 3 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 children and staff at St Martin's school

Please pray for our parishioners in St Luke's and Abbeycrest Nursing Homes



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

Tommy Keogh, Ralph Mascarenhas,
Rebecca Saxby Evans, John Joseph Walsh,
Michelle Wells Jacobson, Anthony Christopher Boulton,
Sean Kennedy, Jack Faherty, Louis and Dora Paola,
Lilly Dougan, Kathleen McGuire, Jeddy, Annie May,
Dennis Page, Arthur Burge, Dennis Page, Doris Rene.