

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thought for the week

12th May, 2024

7th Sunday of Easter

“keep those you have given me true to your name so that they may be one like us”

Jesus was born of Mary in the same way any other baby was born, with the pain and mess that entails. There is no doubt Jesus was flesh and blood just like each one of us. If we needed further proof we know that blood and water flowed from his side when it was pierced with the lance after his death on the cross. The fact that an all powerful God, the creator of the cosmos, would take on flesh and become one with his creatures is a stumbling block for many and considered a scandal by others. Yet this is at the core of our Christian faith:

“... he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men.”

Since Easter Sunday we have heard several accounts of how Jesus met with his disciples after his resurrection. It seems that Jesus went to great lengths to prove to them that he was still flesh and blood and not some kind of disembodied spirit or ghost. He encouraged them to touch him and made them watch him as he ate. Why is that significant? It is significant for us because at his ascension, the feast we celebrated last Thursday, it was Christ in his humanity that was taken up to heaven and entered into his Glory at the right hand of the Father.

That gives us great hope that where he went, despite our weaknesses and frailty, we can follow. Yet we already have access to the Father, because where the head (Jesus) is, the body (us) will also be.

From that moment of our Lord's Ascension it was the followers of Jesus who were to continue his work and be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. So let us ask the Father, through Jesus, to renew his gift to us of the Holy Spirit so that we as individuals, couples, families and a parish community will be better equipped to fulfil our commission of being witnesses of Jesus' message of hope and joy to those we meet.

BOOK AND PLANT SALE THIS SUNDAY MAY 12TH
Please join us this weekend for a book and plant sale in St Michael's Hall after all Masses this weekend

and from

11am – 3pm on Sunday

All proceeds will be given to the Reading Refugee Charity and CIRDIC. For more info contact Krissie in the office
Email stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk

YOUTH MASS

3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

THE NEXT YOUTH MASS IS ON THE 19TH MAY AT 10.30AM
WITH MAY PROCESSION

NEXT PPC MEETINGS JUNE 11TH AND JULY 9TH AT 7PM

If you have any suggestions on the life of the parish please leave them in the silver box at the back of church or email the office: stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk

FIRST COMMUNION MASS - SUNDAY 16TH JUNE AT 10.30AM

CONFIRMATION MASS - SUNDAY 30TH JUNE AT 12.00PM

INTERNATIONAL MASS JULY 19TH 2024 date to be confirmed

ECUMENICAL SAFARI SUPPER Saturday, 6th July.

This is a free event and a sign up sheet for catering numbers is now available at the back of Church.

SEPTEMBER date to be confirmed

Special Mass for those having a significant

Marriage Jubilee this year e.g. 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 years

OCTOBER date tbc **MASSES FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

A Parishioner



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

Please pray for Mary Edwards who has had hip surgery, after a fall at home, and is now recovering in The RBH.

Please pray for Carl Stitt the Uncle of Krissie as his operation was not successful and will have to be repeated.

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

Rosemary continues to need our prayers having undergone major surgery, as the recovery will be long and slow.

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

Please continue to pray for Father Paul Rowan. Both cancer surgery and corneal graft are at last showing positive outcomes.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan who continues to need our prayers following his bone marrow transplant.

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

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 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;

Patrick Joseph Keogh, Bill Newman, Eileen Savage, Richard Taylor, Leslie Peach, Mary Scullen, Kenneth Alfred Dean, Fr. Robert O'Neill O.F.M., Fr Xavier O.F.M., Kenneth Pereira.