

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PPC Meeting 29th August , 7pm

THE THAMES CLEAN UP

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

Fr Paul Fitzpatrick will give a talk on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Saturday, 30th September - St Michael's Ceilidh 7pm - 11pm

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

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th August, 2023

“Oh God, come to my assistance; O Lord make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; Oh Lord do not delay!”

This prayer, the Entrance Antiphon from the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time is very apt for us all in the present difficult and different times. We feel frightened and vulnerable with all the conflicting media reports. These contribute to our feelings of fear and anxiety as to what is happening.

Many of our friends have stopped watching the news or reading newspapers. This ultimately leaves them losing hope and trust in all aspects of our daily life and in the life of the community around us.

We are like St Peter when he lost faith as he was walking on the water towards Jesus. He began to sink. We need Jesus's help to stop us sinking in this life and not lose hope. Hope is the forerunner of faith.

We need to ask God for help to restore our hope in ourselves and in mankind despite many setbacks. We must trust in Him that it will pass. We need His help to learn to believe in His word.

The story of the boy possessed by a demon in Mark chapter 6 shows what we need to do. When Jesus asked the father of the boy *“Do you believe?”* the father replied: *“I believe. Help thou my unbelief.”*

This father hoped for an outcome that would make his son's life better in some way and he put his faith in Jesus.

As the disciples asked Jesus afterwards why no one else had been able to cast out the demon Jesus replied

“This is the kind of demon which can only be driven out by prayer”

This is our lesson- St Peter was only saved by Our lord's help - we need to pray that we have the courage and belief to ask for help in our prayers.



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

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 Father Paul Rowan who continues to recover after chemotherapy.

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;

Jack Faherty, Louis and Dora Paola, Lilly Dougan, Kathleen McGuire, Jeddy, Annie May, Dennis Page, Arthur Burge, Dennis Page, Doris Rene, Eva Abraham, Keith Milton Davey, Ronald Jabez Herbert