

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NEXT PPC MEETING JULY 17TH 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

INTERNATIONAL MASS

This Sunday, 14th July 2024 at the 10:30 mass.

All parishioners, friends and families are a very welcome part of this service.

YOUTH MASS EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

PLASTIC BLITZ LITTER PICK - date to be confirmed

ST MICHAEL'S PATRONAL WEEKEND

28TH –30TH SEPTEMBER

TO INCLUDE CRAFT AND PRODUCE SALE

A RAMBLE FOR READING REFUGEES SATURDAY 5TH, OCTOBER

Details to follow

THE WEEKEND OF THE 13TH OCTOBER

MASSES FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

14th July, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings this week focus on our purpose in life; that we were chosen, long before the world was made. To do what, one might ask? I think life is about discerning our purpose on this earth- the twelve had specific instructions, strange as they might seem.

We may not be able to go out and cast out many devils. We may not even have oil to anoint the sick and cure them- but, the message to the disciples runs true for us today. Visiting the sick or elderly might not cure them, but must surely lift their spirits. Giving up time for others who may need someone to just listen is healing and therapeutic- for both.

Rather than go out to the world, we are this weekend bringing as much of the world to our parish through the multicultural Mass. This is the second year we have held this Mass, and it is a brilliant way to celebrate the wider family that we are- without leaving the district!

As we listen to the readings in no less than nine different languages, while following them in English, let us reflect on what courage the first disciples must have had to set off to distant lands, and hope to be welcomed and hosted by strangers.

We are fortunate to have the world around us where-ever we are. We pray that this weekend be one where we discover a little bit more about other areas we may not have been to, to celebrate who we are, in the full knowledge and confidence that each and everyone of us has been chosen in Christ, adopted as his children for his own purposes.

A Parishioner



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.

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 receive 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 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;

Marsh Kirby, Claire Ryan, Catherine Cottrell,
Nigel Drever, Ian Reid, Peggy and Arthur Evans,
Dudley George James, Gladys Tomlinson,
Cyril Thomas Smith, Susan O'Sullivan,
George Gallagher.