

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY 5TH, NOVEMBER 10.30AM

THE CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

weekend 4th/5th November after all Masses.

Please bring any unwanted Christmas Cards to Church the weekend of 28th/29th October. These will then be displayed on the weekend of the 4th/5th November when you can Donate £1 to CIRDIC and choose up to 10 cards to take away Reusing unwanted items and cutting down on waste

HOLY HOUR

6TH NOVEMBER, 7pm - 8pm

BLESSING OF GRAVES—KIDMORE END CEMETERY

SUNDAY 12TH, NOVEMBER 2.00PM

CHRISTMAS PUDDING MAKING EVENING

Friday, 24th November, 7pm in St Michael's Church Hall

Sign up sheets available at the back of Church please return to the parish office by Sunday 12th Nov.

Thought for the Week

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th October 2023**

'There is nothing I shall want.

Question: what is your idea of Heaven? Perfect peace, tranquillity, meeting up with loved ones who've left us? Or is a banquet your idea of Heaven?

In today's readings there seems to be much talk of banquets and feasting. If you are a small-eater or suffer with dyspepsia, then maybe 'food rich and juicy and fine strained wines' would not be your celestial dream! I'm being too literal. Poverty in this world means going without, not having enough of anything to function properly, being starved of nourishment. Spiritual poverty is being starved of the knowledge of God, being deprived of the comfort of His protection, feeling a deep emptiness that can only be filled by the certainty that if you '*should walk in the valley of darkness*' you would have no need to fear anything because you can be certain that Our Lord is with you.

A banquet is a celebration, a coming together, a communion, sharing and joy. There is no sense of emptiness at the Lord's table, no feelings of searching for more because there we are filled and fulfilled.

For our part, we only need to continue to trust and have faith in the fact that we have been saved and our place at the banqueting table is assured.

Our faith is fed not by earthly rich food and wine, but by the transformation of simple bread and wine into the richest food we can ever receive, and it is on offer to us at every Holy Mass. It's sometimes said that there are those who eat to live and those who live to eat: we know what we should be consuming and why.



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

Please pray for Kim, Paul and Joe Bunton (Joe has severe learning difficulties and the family are struggling to find help or any respite care.) The parents have had to give up their jobs to look after Joe and they desperately need your prayers that they will find help.

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 now out of hospital but 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 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 remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including;

Christine Bussell, Gregorio D'Silva,

Rosy Maria Lucia D'Silva, John Edwards,

Winifred Dougan, Jimmy Enright, George Freeman,

Eric Gillett, Pat Hurst Harris, Teresa Carter,

Jane Webb, Phyllis Kiely, Jessie McGinn, Jill Frildo,

Alan Waller.