

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE LED BY FATHER MICHAEL**

THIS WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE

AND EVERY WEDNESDAY IN JUNE AT 7PM IN THE HALL

Sign up sheets now available at the back of Church

**FIRST COMMUNION MASS - SUNDAY 16TH JUNE AT 10.30AM**

**CONFIRMATION MASS - SUNDAY 30TH JUNE AT 12.00PM**

**NEXT PPC MEETINGS 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](mailto:stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk)

### **INTERNATIONAL MASS**

14th July 2024 at the 10:30 mass.

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

We would like to have any ideas you have to add to this year's international Mass

Please email the parish office or speak to Yvonne Mubanga.

**YOUTH MASS** EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

**ECUMENICAL SAFARI SUPPER** Saturday, 6th July, 6.30pm.

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**

## **Thought for the week**

**16th June, 2024**

**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Kingdom of God

There are many references to growth in today's readings. Ezekiel speaks of a shoot being planted, sprouting, bearing fruit and becoming a noble cedar. The psalm tells of flourishing like the palm-tree and growing like a Lebanon cedar. In the Gospel, Jesus describes the kingdom of God as seeds sprouting, growing and producing the grain, and as a tiny mustard seed growing into the biggest of shrubs.

All these images are trying to convey God's plan of drawing all people into his kingdom. It is He that plants the seed of faith in people's hearts, it is He that provides the nutrients for growth (grace), it is He that will send his angels to gather the harvest into his kingdom. However, we are not passive onlookers, we are expected to cooperate in preparing the type of soil in which God's seed is sown, be it in me or others. The quality of soil depends on how open my heart is to hear God's call and my willingness to respond to it, with Mary being the perfect example of rich soil. Each of us has a unique task in contributing to the growth of God's kingdom.

Today we have the joy of some of our young people receiving their first Holy Communion. It is important that we pray for them, so that as they grow and mature physically, they will grow and mature spiritually, coming to know God as their loving Father. As we pray that they will bear fruit for God's kingdom during their lifetime, it is also an opportunity to reflect on our growth in faith and how we have borne fruit since our first Holy Communion.

Deacon Brian



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

Please pray for the repose of the soul and the consolation of the family of Ruth New whose funeral will be here at St Michael's on 27th June at 12.00pm

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

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 Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan who had a bone marrow transplant - both continue to need our prayers

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

Bridie Burke, Derek Graham, Christine Coyle, Sue Conners, Kieran Cotter, Marlene Fernandes, Joan Law, Marie Madeleine (Maddy) Sharman, Jimmy Curran, Sue Conners, Andrew Creighton, Anne Ouro, Peter Spencer.