

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ST MICHAEL'S PATRONAL WEEKEND 29TH SEPTEMBER—1ST OCTOBER

Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will give a talk on
Friday evening at 7pm and on Saturday morning at 10am
Teas and coffees will be served.

Saturday, 30th September - St Michael's Ceilidh 7pm - 10.30pm
At Peppard Memorial Hall, Gallowstree Common

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

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

Thought for the Week Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th September 2023

"The life and death of each of us has its influence on others..."

I found this first line from the second reading rather profound. I was surprised as I must have probably read or heard this passage many times over the years, without a moment's thought but this time, it made me stop and think.

That we will all die at some point is certain. The passing on of someone is usually marked by memories and acclamations that map out how that person lived, the good they did and how they will be missed. Often times the death of one brings out new life in others - some commitment to do something to keep the legacy of all the good that was done during their life time.

Each death is an opportunity to reflect on how the deceased lived their life, but also to introspect on how we live our own.

For most of us, waking up everyday and going through the normal humdrum of life is almost guaranteed, for years. With this comes the real risk of assuming this will be the case always. And it may well be so for a long time - but what do we do during those years, and what influence do our seemingly routine activities have on others?

The first reading lists instructions, the gospel reading uses a parable. Both focus on how we should live among others and in today's world this can be a challenge, but these teachings clearly hold true, thousands of years on.

The second reading is clear on how we should live and die: for the Lord.

On both sides of the grave, we belong to Him and none of us really have a choice in this. How we understand, accept and do this, though, is largely down to us.



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

Please pray for the repose of the soul and consolation of the family of Peter Bussell who died last week.

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 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 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;

Winnie Hickey, John Warman, Florence Ada Gibbons, Arnold Fox, Frank Pearce, Wendy Pearce, Alf Wade, Lesley Archard, Audrey Belletty, Thomas Mullaniff, Freda Miller, Harry Kerr, Francis George Pearce, Alice Sakala.