

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YOUTH MASS EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

PLASTIC BLITZ LITTER PICK -

31st August, 10am – 12.30pm

sandwiches and tea and coffee provided

A sign up sheet is now available at the back of Church

Please join in with other parishioners helping to clean up the riverside.

Meeting place: Copa Club, Sonning.

Please see the poster at the back of Church for further details.

ST MICHAEL'S PATRONAL WEEKEND

28TH –30TH SEPTEMBER

Services, talks and events to celebrate

St Michael's feast day and the life of the parish

Including the return of our craft and produce sale

and a shared lunch on Sunday 30th.

A RAMBLE FOR READING REFUGEES SATURDAY 5TH, OCTOBER

Details to follow

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THE WEEKEND OF THE 13TH OCTOBER, AT ALL MASSES

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

20th Sunday of the Year (B)

18th August 2024

The summer is a time to pause. It's hard to rush about in our ordinary busy way when the sun invites us to stop and rest, we close our eyes, stay in the shade, and quietly have time to think.

I've been thinking about something I heard, and which my thoughts have returned to ever since. The speaker, Richard Rohr, an American Franciscan, talked about how much of our lives are preoccupied with WHAT: What do I have to do? What do I have to believe? What do I have to do to be a good Christian?

All this concentration on the 'what' often means that we avoid getting the '**who**' right. Rohr encourages us to begin a humble questioning, searching for the answer to who: who am I, and who is God. This was St Francis's primary prayer, deep in the cave in Assisi, through the night, he asked God "Who are you? And who am I?".

We need to let God name us and call us, instead of trying so hard to name him ourselves.

The readings this week talk about how God will listen to our prayer, and how, if we share in his life, we will live in him and he will live in us. If we are ready to let him, he will name us.

I am going to try this summer to ask the who question, rather than scurry around asking about the what.

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.

Please pray for Kim, Paul and Joe Bunton (Joe has severe learning difficulties). Please pray that they receive the help they need.

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 3 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;

Eva Abraham, Keith Milton Davey, Rita Conlon
Ronald Jabez Herbert, Huberta Kingsbury,
Maria Szymanska, George Crabb, Sr M. Audrey,
(Barbara Rebeiro), Winifred Eve James.