

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YOUTH MASS

THIS SUNDAY 19TH MAY AT 10.30AM
WITH MAY PROCESSION
AND EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE LED BY FATHER MICHAEL

EACH WEDNESDAY IN JUNE AT 7PM IN THE HALL
Sign up sheet now available at the back of Church

NEXT PPC MEETINGS JUNE 11TH AND 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

FIRST COMMUNION MASS - SUNDAY 16TH JUNE AT 10.30AM

CONFIRMATION MASS - SUNDAY 30TH JUNE AT 12.00PM

INTERNATIONAL MASS JULY 19TH 2024 date to be confirmed

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

19th May, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

Happy Birthday to Us!!!!!!

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The day that the disciples received the Holy Spirit to help them to establish the Early church is today - Pentecost - the birthday of the Church.

The name is Greek and signifies that it is fifty days after the Resurrection. One of the reasons that Jerusalem was so busy is that there is a Jewish festival- Shavuot, which occurs fifty days after Passover. This celebrates the gift of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. It is a pilgrim festival and in first century Israel, adult males were expected to travel to Jerusalem with "first fruits" of the winter harvest - probably barley sheaves - to offer at the Temple.

It seems appropriate that two gifts from God- the first five books of the Bible and the strength and inspiration of the Paraclete should be celebrated on the same day. Pilgrims from many parts of the world were in Jerusalem and the disciples were filled with the Spirit so that they could give the Good News of Jesus to people from many different places. It was a great start to their mission to become His witnesses throughout the world.

The Holy Spirit is alive in us too! What can we do to bring God's love to our world?

A Parishioner



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

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

Please pray for Carl Stitt the Uncle of Krissie as his operation was not successful and will have to be repeated.

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 get 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 continues to need our prayers following his bone marrow transplant,

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;

Mary Fry, Francis O'Neill, Lissu Savvin, Julia Pearce, Mary Smith, Margaret Andrews, Aisling Earley, Jack Graham, Maria O'Connor, Margaret Adams, Brian O'Dowd, Dan Mulrooney