

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FAMILY MASS 1ST OCTOBER 10.30AM

HOLY HOUR MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER, 7PM—8PM

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

Please bring along any produce you have to donate to the presbytery on Friday 29th or on the Sunday 1st by 11.00am

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

Christmas Card exchange in November

details to follow next week

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.

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Thought for the Week

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st October 2023

The Parish is celebrating our patronal feast of St Michael this weekend. The actual feast of "St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael" was on Friday, 29th September and we also have the memorial of "The Holy Guardian Angels" on Monday 1st October and last Sunday Fr Michael reminded us of the Church's teaching on angels.

St Bridget of Sweden said:

"If we saw an angel clearly, we should die of pleasure".

Well, she was a saint- if we saw an angel, we'd probably die of fright!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: *"From the beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him or her to life".*

Are you comfortable with this teaching? Do you think it's a spiritual reality which is relevant to our daily life? The Church has always stood firm in its affirmation of this doctrine of faith because angels have been present since creation and throughout the history of salvation. Maybe it is more helpful to accept a more childlike faith. We certainly prayed to our Guardian angels last weekend when we found ourselves leading a group of friends along a cliff edge path which was well outside the comfort zone of many of us. The child of faith in us can easily and readily accept that angels exist and can pray for protection from our Guardian angels and particularly to St Michael.

"St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

Judy and Stephen

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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 whose funeral is on 2nd October.

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;

Emily Black, Stephen Boyle, Helen Fox,

Andrew Gray, Mike and May Quinn,

Andrew Selwood, Eric Gillet, Margaret Morgan,

Syl Cottrell (Jnr), Annie Deeney, Renee George,

Joe Ashby, Helen Cunningham, David White.