

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**YOUTH MASS SUNDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER AT 10.30AM**

AND EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH DURING TERM TIME

### **PLASTIC BLITZ LITTER PICK -**

This Saturday, 31st August, 10am – 12.30pm  
sandwiches and tea and coffee provided

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

Meeting place: Copa Club, Sonning.

### **ST MICHAEL'S PATRONAL WEEKEND**

27<sup>TH</sup>—29<sup>TH</sup> 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

### **THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

THE WEEKEND OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> 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

### **CHRISTMAS PUDDING MAKING EVENING AND SUPPER**

Friday, 22nd November, 7pm

## **Thought for the week**

**22nd Sunday of the Year (B)**

**1st September, 2024**

### **THE EUCHARIST – A GIFT TO CELEBRATE**



The Eucharist is at the very heart of the Church's life since Jesus is fully present: body, blood, soul and divinity. We meet Jesus by receiving him in Holy Communion and in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Church celebrates this divine gift in several ways, including an International Eucharistic Congress every few years. It is a gathering of laity, religious and clergy from around the world bearing witness to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. One takes place this year, 8th-15th September in Quito, the capital of Ecuador.

The logo depicts the Cross of Jesus entering the flesh of the world to heal the wounds opened by sin. The open Heart of Christ on the Cross represents the source of the love that makes all things new. The light of the Eucharist gives a new direction to human history because God continues to gather his people around the Word of life and the living Bread descended from heaven. The logo also depicts the position of Quito at 0° latitude, close to the equator.

To coincide with this event the Catholic Church of England and Wales will have its own gathering at St Mary's College, Oscott on 14th September, to renew and deepen our devotion to the Eucharist.

Here at St Michael's, we have the opportunity to meet Our Lord in the Eucharist during our monthly Holy Hours (weekly in Advent and Lent). During these times of quiet we try to set aside our daily distractions and listen for the Lord speaking to us. This is truly a gift to celebrate.

Deacon Brian



**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 is awaiting knee surgery and for her son Ian who is unwell.

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 Isobel Messenger (Vera Bird's great granddaughter) she has now had her operation to improve her hearing.

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;**

Yvonne Aubrier, Anthony Fajer, Florence Ada Gibbons, Roger Selwood, Mina Findlay, Helen Newman, Nikki Wells, Margaret Aldworth, Claude Buike, Sean Smyth, Michelle Dobson, Deacon Francis Andrews, Marcus Luis Xavier Perreira, Ella Crabb, Tracey Crayford, Michael Parsons, Victor Rahal, Margaret Lawless, Rita Walker.