

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**YOUTH MASS** EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

31st August, 10am – 2pm

sandwiches and tea and coffee provided

A sign up sheet is now available at the back of Church  
Please join in with parishioners helping clean up the riverside.  
Meeting place and more details to follow next week.

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

28<sup>TH</sup> – 30<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 5<sup>TH</sup>, OCTOBER**

Details to follow

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

THE WEEKEND OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, AT ALL MASSES

**20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER** Special Mass for those having a significant  
Marriage Jubilee this year e.g. 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 years

## **Thought for the week**

**21st July, 2024**

### **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sheep have been an important part of Israel's economy over the centuries.

Abraham owned large flocks of sheep and David was a shepherd before he was a king.

Shepherds came to the stable just after Jesus was born – representatives of those who worked long hours to produce milk, meat and textiles. They made sure that their flocks had access to pasture and water and may have had to feed them when food was scarce in dry periods. The Psalm paints a picture of God as the shepherd and provider of comfort and repose.

The Gospel also highlights the importance of rest for the apostles. They were tired after their missionary activities and Jesus recognised their need for some respite - the shepherd who puts the needs of His flock before His own comfort. Unfortunately, the crowds would not be denied their opportunity for guidance from the ultimate shepherd and Jesus obliged and provided the teaching they craved.

We may be preparing for our own holidays - a break and an opportunity to rest and recharge our batteries. Packing may require the inclusion of an umbrella rather than sunscreen if staying in the UK! Whatever the weather, the suspension of the everyday routine can also give us some time to look at our own roles within Christ's flock, sharing the burden of looking after the needs of the most vulnerable and accepting that we are all gifted in different ways to minister to each other.

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.

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 receive 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 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;**

Michael McDonnell, Patrick Deeney, Anne Harris, Jenny Keogh, Kevin de Silva, Jacqueline Margaret Clyne, Norman Hutchinson, Judith Gomes, Margaret Lousdale, Bill Riordan, Michael Collins, Kitty Minter, Rosita Smith, David Andrews, Michael Bartley, Kathleen Butler, Edward Cottrell, Jimmy Minter.