

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YOUTH MASS

AND EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH DURING TERM TIME

FAMILY MASS 5TH OCTOBER AT 10.30AM

and every First Sunday of the month during term time—Do come and join us

ST MICHAEL'S PATRONAL WEEKEND

JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND

27TH—29TH SEPTEMBER

For services, talks and events to celebrate

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

Including Wine and Cheese evening on Friday 27th.

The return of our craft and produce sale throughout the weekend

and a shared lunch on Sunday 29th.

Sign up sheet for the shared lunch is available at the back of Church

A RAMBLE FOR READING REFUGEES - SATURDAY 5TH, OCTOBER 11.00AM

A 10km (6mile) walk through our lovely, local Oxfordshire countryside starting at St Michael's Church - the route takes about 3hours to complete with an opportunity to stop and have a drink and a sandwich at the Unicorn pub.

On your return there will be homemade cake and refreshments.

We are suggesting a £5 per person/ £10 per family donation to the charity from those taking part and there will also be an opportunity for parishioners to support those doing the walk after masses on the Saturday and Sunday donations can be made after Masses on the Dona Machine.

A sign up sheet for all those wishing to take part is now available at the back of Church

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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

CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENING

Friday 18th October at 7pm. Come and join us for this free event making present bags, printing your own Christmas wrapping paper and many more craft activities. This is an adult only event and a sign up sheet is available at the back of Church—places are limited

CHRISTMAS PUDDING MAKING EVENING & SUPPER

Friday, 22nd November, 7pm Sign up & tickets will be available in October

Thought for the week **25th Sunday of the Year (B)** **22nd September, 2024**

St MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, MISSION FOUNDED 1947

Next weekend we are lucky enough that the Feast of St Michael and the Archangels (29th September) falls on the Sunday of our special weekend celebrating our patronal feast. We have the opportunity to listen to Fr Michael Doyle give 3 talks on Prayer followed by a cheese and wine supper on the Friday and a shared lunch on the Sunday. We can therefore be both spiritually and physically nourished as we listen to the talks and share our parish lunch together.

I am often asked why I go to Mass at St Michael's and I always have the same reply—the parishioners. It is not the buildings and grounds, of St Michael's Parish that are at the heart of our community though these are important, it is the people. The people who have contributed to the formation, development and upkeep of St Michael's Catholic parish for over 77 years. Our current Priest in Residence Fr Michael Sharkey, and former parish priests (Bill Ford, Frank Dawson, Cecil Keane, John Ellis, Chris Bester, Bob Devaney and Paul Rowan) and Deacon Francis Andrews have each left their mark.

However, without the generosity, hard work and commitment of their parishioners their work would have been in vain. Through them, the Church's sacraments are made available to us in our locality. Let us give thanks especially over the next two weekends and pray for all those who have bequeathed to us our parish community.

Just as important is to look forward to the years to come. No one can be certain how the Parish of St Michael's will evolve or change over the next few years, but, what is certain, is that our continued generosity, hard work and commitment to the needs of our parish today will determine what kind of parish community the Catholics in this deanery will inherit in years to come. Parish life will undoubtedly be different, so let us pray that God will guide us and that we may be open to the changes that might come.

A Parishioner



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

Please pray for the repose of the soul and consolation of the family of **Vera Bird** who died on Wednesday at the age of 97. May she rest in peace.

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.

Thank you for your prayers for Kim, Paul and Joe Bunton (Joe has severe learning difficulties). They have now received help and funding for Joe who has been assessed and starts at a specialist care centre next month.

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 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 Abbeycroft Nursing Homes



Please also remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including;

Audrey Belletty, Harry Kerr, Freda Miller, Thomas Mullaniff, Francis George Pearce, Gwenda New June Godfrey, Michael O'Neil, Harold Clifford, Mingul Antao, Daniel Jenkins, Peggy and Tony Brennan.