

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**PPC MEETING 26TH SEPTEMBER**

**FAMILY MASS 1ST OCTOBER 10.30AM**

**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

**Thought for the Week**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**24th September 2023**

The first reading from Isaiah shows a clear separation between the way that God works and the way that we work.

In the Gospel parable, the vineyard owner, although generous, appeared unsure of the amount of work that was needed since he went out several times during the day to find workers. Perhaps the first labourers hired did not complete as much as was expected or maybe there was an unusually large harvest to deal with.

The grumbles of the workers who had worked all day is understandable. Those workers hired early in the day knew that they would be paid the agreed amount but resented the generosity of the owner towards those hired later. Perhaps they saw his response as unfair.

Those who started later did not have the certainty of recompense. Did those who were still seeking work late in the afternoon worry that they were not going to find work that day?

The call to work for God's Kingdom can come at any time in our lives. Our response is the key. Once the call is heard and responded to, we receive more than we deserve from God.

The reward is not like a salary or a pension – it takes no account of ability, qualifications or length of service. The generosity of God is boundless and available to all who respond, independent of the time spent or the results.



**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;**

Gwenda New, June Godfrey, Michael O'Neil, Harold Clifford, Mingul Antao, Daniel Jenkins, Peggy and Tony Brennan.