

Thought for the Week
25th August, 2019
21st Sunday in Ordinary time

I was reading through the Mass Sheet for this weekend's Masses - seeking inspiration for the thought for this week's newsletter. Usually my inspiration comes from the liturgy, but this week it comes from The Collect!

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose... more on this later.

The Bank Holiday is upon us and it looks like the sun is going to shine all weekend. In less than two weeks the schools will be going back and a new academic year will begin. As we come to the end of the Summer holidays it is only natural to look back over the year and what a joyous year it has been at St Michael's.

We have celebrated Baptisms, Communions, and Confirmations and we have remembered and given thanks for the lives of some of St Michael's beloved parishioners. We have joined together for prayer and feasting with members of our neighbouring churches and we have welcomed visiting priests, bishops and archbishops, family members and friends, showing them all the warm hospitality that pervades at St Michael's.

As I sit down now with Fr Michael and look ahead to the months leading up to Christmas another joyous time in the Church's calendar year, I can't help thinking we have a lot to look forward to with many activities planned for the parish – and it all starts with our Parish weekend at the very end of September. This is a time when **The parishioners of St Michael's can come together to unite in a single purpose** – to praise God and thank him for all that he provides for us and our community:

This is a time when we can come together, not just for Mass: but for spiritual discussion, reflection and of course our wonderful Parish lunch, which this year will be an Italian Feast on Sunday, 29th September, cooked by Father Michael.

If you have not attended the Parish weekend before, I urge you to try to come to one or all of the events taking place. Please see the posters at the back of Church for more information and sign up for our Sunday Lunch.

I do hope you will join us.

A Parishioner