

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YOUTH MASS EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH DURING TERM TIME

PLASTIC BLITZ LITTER PICK -

31st August, 10am – 12.30pm

sandwiches and tea and coffee provided

A sign up sheet is now available at the back of Church

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

Meeting place: Copa Club, Sonning.

Please see the poster at the back of Church for further details.

ST MICHAEL'S PATRONAL WEEKEND

28TH –30TH 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

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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 PUDDING MAKING EVENING AND SUPPER

Friday, 22nd November, 7pm

Thought for the week

21st Sunday of the Year (B)

25th August 2024

We learn today in the gospel that many of Christ's disciples left Him when it became too hard for them to stay. They couldn't accept when He told them

"no one can come to Me unless the Father allows him".

We need to listen to Peter's response:

"Who shall we go to? We know that You are the Lord, the Holy one of God..."

Today more than ever we need to "stick" with Christ and His message and try not to give up hope.

We can do this by praying constantly for peace and harmony among all people. We are besieged on all sides of the world by conflict, hatred and wickedness. But Jesus promised He would always be with us. He is present in Holy Communion and if we *"taste and see that the Lord is good"* then we will be strengthened and fed by the spirit of God.

Holy Communion is how we maintain our link with the Lord, it is the food of our faith together with prayer. We must remember and pray for those who wish to have communion but cannot for many reasons. God is with them at all times.

As we feel helpless when we hear the news or experience sadness at what is happening in the world let us pray harder, receive Communion when we can, love our neighbour, forgive our enemy and know that God has His plan: we just need to help and recognise His plan if He is calling us and our parish.

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.

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 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;

Jude D'Souza, Tony and Peggy Brennan, Deidre Keogh, Jay Colley, David White, Pam Marslan, Anthony Patrick Peter Small, Sandra Antao, Rachelle De Souza, Patrick Carroll, Jean Dwyer, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Gwyn Stanton.