

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PPC MEETING

29TH AUGUST 7PM IN THE PRESBYTERY

Minutes for the last meeting are now available at the back of Church
Please put any comments or suggestions on any aspect of
Parish Life you would like discussed at the next meeting
in the silver box at the back of church

THE THAMES CLEAN UP

Saturday 9th September

Come and join a group from St Michael's clean up the river
banks near Sonning. Meeting at Sonning bridge
10am - 12pm - followed by tea and sandwiches.
Please see the sign up sheet at the back of church

ST MICHAEL'S PATRONAL WEEKEND

29TH SEPTEMBER—1ST OCTOBER

Fr Paul Fitzpatrick will give a talk on
Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Saturday, 30th September - St Michael's Ceilidh 7pm - 11pm

Sunday, 1st October - Produce sale on behalf of CIRDIC
Shared Lunch after the 10.30am Mass & AGM

MASSES FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday 14th and Sunday, 15th October

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

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Thought for the week

27th August, 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary time

The Gospel this week sees the appointment to high office of Peter who is declared "*the rock on which the Church is to be built;*"

From the Gospel, the 'interview' for the role appointed to Peter appears to have been based on a seemingly simple question: '*Who do you say I am*'?

Jesus had spent time with his disciples and clearly got to know who would be the best candidate for the job - but it still came down to that one question, answered only by a deeper understanding and revelation that could only have come from God.

Jesus affirms '*Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah! For it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven*'

Leadership roles, or any job for that matter, come with huge responsibilities, those we hear in today's Gospel even more so as they hold the key to eternal life.

So how does this relate to me then - you might ask yourself?

I think we are all called to lead in small ways, as heads of households, various communities, husbands, wives, older siblings, even just friends. We are called to bring others along with us, to support each other, to work towards unity for a single purpose.

The Collect this week sums it up for me:

*'O God who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found'.*

A parishioner



**We ask you please, to pray for the following people
who continue to ask for your prayers;**

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 Father Paul Rowan who continues to recover after chemotherapy.

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 pray for the pupils, teachers and parents of St Martin's school.



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

Jay Colley, David White, Pam Marsland,
Anthony Patrick, Sandra Antao, Rachelle De Souza,
Patrick Carroll, Diana, Princess of Wales, Jean Dwyer,
Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Gwyn Stanton,
Yvonne Aubrier, Anthony Fajer, Mina Findlay,
Florence Ada Gibbons, Roger Selwood,
Helen Newman, Nikki Wells.