

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YOUTH MASS EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

PLASTIC BLITZ LITTER PICK -

31st August, 10am – 2pm

sandwiches and tea and coffee provided

A sign up sheet is now available at the back of Church
Please join in with parishioners helping to clean up the riverside.

Meeting place and more details to follow next week.

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

Thought for the week

28th July, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fresh from a family wedding I rather empathise with Philip, anxiously counting out his two hundred denarii and realizing it isn't going to match the scale of the crowd that needs feeding. Not forgetting poor Andrew looking forlornly at the five barley loaves and two fish the small boy has in his bag.

There are always things to worry about. For us this weekend it was the weather and some fiendishly complicated logistics. Would the uber arrive on time? Would the rain hold off until everyone had made it to the reception venue? Worry and anxiety are part of the human experience. The more so, the older we get.

But, they can get in the way of that more childlike and simple faith that Jesus wants to encourage in us. We can't rid ourselves of a propensity to worry. But, we can do something to counteract the more negative impact of worry on us, and those near and dear to us. We can place our trust in Jesus. We can leave him to do the worrying for us. The answer to not having enough food to go round or the weather not holding isn't to allow our concern to spoil the party. Lots of things are outside of our control anyway.

One thing we can do is turn to Jesus and ask for his help. Like Mary did at Cana and Philip and Andrew learned, once they had better understood who Jesus was, and why nothing is impossible if we believe in him and place all our trust in him.

St Paul implores us to lead a life worthy of our vocation, or calling. At its simplest our calling is to discipleship. Burdened with endless worries and anxiety we have a tendency to complicate things. Trusting in Jesus and handing ourselves over to him is a much better way.

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.

Rosemary continues to need our prayers having undergone major surgery, as the recovery will be long and slow.

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 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 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;

Brian Stratmore Cleary, June Payne,
Patrick O'Flaherty-Hilder, Brian Mudge,
Shirley Anderson-Williams, Joseph Brown,
Jeanette Fernandes, James Fornara, Euralia Antao,
Edward (Teddy) Jenkins, Carol Tegg,
Rachelle De Souza, Margaret Green, Martin Lousley,
Frank Ryan, Joyce Price, Andreas Van Well.

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