

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

On the 12th January at 10.30am we will have a Mass of thanksgiving for Fr Michael Sharkey's pastoral care of our parish.
Please save the date.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.

St Michael's will be hosting next year's Unity Service for the local Christian community at 6pm, Sunday 19th January.

YOUTH MASS

Every third Sunday of the month during term time

SANTA DOESN'T ALWAYS GET IT RIGHT RAFFLE

Jan/Feb 2025

We know Santa doesn't always get the right presents to the right people every time
So if you have one of those presents
please do consider dropping it off at the back of Church
in the New Year to go towards our fundraising raffle in February.

2025 PARISH QUIZ WITH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

Date to be confirmed

Thought for the week Feast of the Holy Family 29th December, 2024

Today we celebrate the Holy Family- Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We remembered the birth last week and now they are a family. This is the family that Christians the world over try to emulate but we need the help of the Holy Spirit to do so. In the psalm we say,

*“How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is yearning for the courts of the Lord”*

We need to try and make our family the dwelling place of God so that we can live in harmony and love as Jesus wanted. In today's Gospel we hear Jesus is lost in the temple. However, He isn't lost as he seemingly reprimands His holy mother when she finds Him and asks why He worried them. He perhaps upsets her when he replies that she must know that He is about His Father's work. **DESPITE THIS** He returns with Mary and Joseph and spends His remaining years with them in harmony and respect.

We all have problems within our family so we need to offer everything to God and ask that we and our children and other family members can be protected by the Holy Spirit as we journey, as a family, to our eternal dwelling place with God. We will fail many times, but take heart and pray diligently that we are protected by the holy Family of Nazareth. Remember the good times and learn from the not so good times.

Children also need to be reminded of their obedience and respect for their parents, so we encourage them to pray for guidance and patience. The world of today needs examples of love, values, patience and mutual respect, so pray for peace.

A parishioner



We ask you please, to pray for the following people who need your prayers:

Please pray for Rogan, (Peter Halter's sister Jean's great grandson) whose Leukaemia has returned and very sadly they say nothing more can be done. Prayers are needed more than ever now. Please also pray for Jean herself who has macular degeneration.

Please pray for Mary Edwards who is awaiting knee surgery and for her son Ian who is unwell.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Robert Brooks who is now undergoing chemotherapy and awaiting further blood test results

Thank you for all your prayers for Joe Bunton who is transitioning into a care home and continues to need our prayers as he lives with Tuberos Sclerosis, Epilepsy and Autism with Severe learning difficulties. These conditions present huge challenges to his life.

Please Pray for Maria McNamara's niece who is undergoing chemotherapy. Her name is Alison Flynn née McNamara.

Please pray for Savanna Clark (aged 3 with eye trouble).

Please pray for Isobel Messenger (Vera Bird's great granddaughter) she has now had her operation to improve her hearing.

Please pray for Mary Hagger.

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has cancer.

Please pray for Vera Bird's 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;

Ilona Bakaes, Julia Welemars, John Forbes, Jack Oswald, Ivy Roberts, Philomena Rodrigues, Louise Coulehan, Mary Williams, Yvonne Fernandes, Peter Raynard, Terence Vincent Anthony Fernandes, Matt Kearney, Jenny (Winifred) Thompson, James Rideout Belletty, Maryann and Charles Smith, , Grace Rehor.