

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **ST MICHAEL'S PATRONAL WEEKEND**

**THIS WEEKEND - 27TH - 29TH SEPTEMBER**

Come and Join us this weekend to celebrate St Michael's feast day and the life of the parish

#### **Friday 27th at 7pm.**

A talk on Short Form Prayer led by Fr Michael Doyle followed by Wine and Cheese

#### **Saturday 28th 10.00am—12.00pm**

Two further talks on Short form prayer led by Fr Michael Doyle with refreshments at 11am

#### **The return of our craft and produce sale throughout the weekend**

and on **Sunday 29th after the 10.30am** Mass our shared lunch in St Michael's hall

#### **FAMILY MASS 5TH OCTOBER AT 10.30AM**

and every First Sunday of the month during term time—Do come and join us

#### **A RAMBLE FOR READING REFUGEES - SATURDAY 5TH, OCTOBER 11.00AM**

A 10km (6mile) walk through our lovely, local Oxfordshire countryside starting at St Michael's Church

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

#### **THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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 CRAFT EVENING**

**Friday 18th October at 7pm.** Come and join us for this free event making present bags, printing your own Christmas wrapping paper and many more craft activities. This is an adult only event and a sign up sheet is available at the back of Church—places are limited

#### **CHRISTMAS PUDDING MAKING EVENING & SUPPER**

**Friday, 22nd November, 7pm** Sign up list and tickets will be available in October

## **Thought for the week**

**26th Sunday of the Year (B)**

**29th September, 2024**

### **ST MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY**

This weekend we are lucky enough that the Feast of St Michael and the Archangels (29th September) falls on the Sunday of our special weekend, celebrating our patronal feast. We have the opportunity to listen to Fr Michael Doyle give 3 talks on Prayer followed by a cheese and wine supper on the Friday and a shared lunch on the Sunday. We can therefore be both spiritually and physically nourished as we listen to the talks and share our parish lunch together.

I am often asked why I go to Mass at St Michael's and I always have the same reply—the parishioners. It is not the buildings and grounds, of St Michael's Parish that are at the heart of our community though these are important, it is the people. The people who have contributed to the formation, development and upkeep of St Michael's Catholic parish for over 77 years. Our current Parish Priest Fr Michael Sharkey, and former parish priests (Bill Ford, Frank Dawson, Cecil Keane, John Ellis, Chris Bester, Bob Devaney and Paul Rowan) and Deacon Francis Andrews have each left their mark.

However, without the generosity, hard work and commitment of their parishioners their work would have been in vain. Through them, the Church's sacraments are made available to us in our locality. Let us give thanks especially over this weekend as we celebrate our Patron Saint's feast day and pray for all those who have bequeathed to us our parish community.

Just as important is to look forward to the years to come. No one can be certain how the Parish of St Michael's will evolve or change over the next few years, but, what is certain, is that our continued generosity, hard work and commitment to the needs of our parish today will determine what kind of parish community the Catholics in this deanery will inherit in years to come. Parish life will undoubtedly be different, so let us pray that God will guide us and that we may be open to the changes that might come.

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 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.

Thank you for all your prayers for Kim, Paul and Joe Bunton They have now received the help they need. But please do keep Joe in your prayers as he continues to live 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 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 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.

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

Emily Black, Stephen Boyle, Helen Fox, Andrew Gray, Mike and May Quinn, Andrew Selwood, Eric Gillett, Margaret Morgan, Syl Cattrell (Jnr), Annie Deeney, Renee George.