

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE LED BY FATHER MICHAEL

STARTING THIS WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE

AND EVERY WEDNESDAY IN JUNE AT 7PM IN THE HALL

Sign up sheets now available at the back of Church

NEXT PPC MEETINGS JUNE 11TH AND JULY 9TH AT 7PM

If you have any suggestions on the life of the parish please leave them in the silver box at the back of church or email the office: stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk

FIRST COMMUNION MASS - SUNDAY 16TH JUNE AT 10.30AM

CONFIRMATION MASS - SUNDAY 30TH JUNE AT 12.00PM

INTERNATIONAL MASS JULY 14TH 2024

YOUTH MASS

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ECUMENICAL SAFARI SUPPER Saturday, 6th July, 6.30pm.

This is a free event and a sign up sheet for catering numbers is now available at the back of Church.

SEPTEMBER date to be confirmed

Special Mass for those having a significant

Marriage Jubilee this year e.g. 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 years

OCTOBER date tbc MASSES FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Thought for the week

2nd June, 2024

Corpus Christi Sunday

“This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?” (Jn 59: 60)

The Consecration of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is the central and most sacred part of our Holy Mass and also at the very core of our Catholic Faith. If we can't believe in the doctrine of Consubstantiation, then we have some work to do in strengthening our Faith.

The quotation above, from St John's Gospel, does not feature in the readings for today's Mass, but I find that section from St John hugely helpful as a buttress for my own Faith. Why? It is comforting to know that others struggled with the concept when Our Lord told them: *“unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you”*. That Gospel goes on to tell us that many of His followers then *‘turned back and no longer followed Him’*. If there had been any doubt as to what Jesus was trying to convey, He would surely have called them back, saying, “Wait a minute; you've misunderstood me.” But He did not. Instead, He repeated what He had said, leaving no room for doubt as to His meaning. In fact, He underscored further what He had said by asking His twelve disciples if they wanted to leave as well. It was St Peter who spoke up: *“Lord, to whom shall we go? [...] We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”*

Most of us would probably agree that this is a ‘hard teaching’ – hard to understand. But then we are not really required to understand, but to believe. These days people tend to believe what technology can prove. That is not faith. When it comes to our Faith, we can't pick which bits of Christ's teaching we find acceptable. Just love Christ and accept His every word - because otherwise, *‘to whom shall we go?’*



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

Please pray for Mary Edwards who has had hip surgery, after a fall at home, and is now recovering in The RBH.

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 get the help they need.

Please continue to pray for Father Paul Rowan. Both cancer surgery and corneal graft are at last showing positive outcomes.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan who continues to need our prayers following his bone marrow transplant,

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;

Lucy Shurvell, Sharon Ruddle, Sheila Smith, Eric Brent, James Curran, Joseph Eglington, Seamus Keane, Adam Hilliard, Oliver Keogh, Vera Marlein, Maureen Burke, Hugh Gilmartin.