

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HOLY HOUR MONDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 7PM - 8PM

SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST

Please join Keith May on Sunday 6th August at 3pm in the church hall for a **talk and slide show** of his recent visit to Uganda to meet the young boy he has been sponsoring through the charity World Vision

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

Thought for the week

30th July 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

This week's gospel talks a lot about the Kingdom of Heaven – treasures, pearls and good things worth keeping. It also talks a bit about the end times which I always find rather disconcerting. So let's focus on the treasures that point towards the Kingdom. What are the treasures in my life that I should be noticing and hanging onto at any price?

Well how about this parish for a start? Sadly, I wasn't able to attend the recent confirmation Mass. But everyone who did, described it as a marvellous event – an affirmation of everything we hold dear. The Church as it should be. The people of God at their best.

I was able to participate in the First Holy Communion celebrations. As ever they were so joyful and uplifting. For many of the same reasons. They were celebrations of the gift each young person is, not just to their family, but to all of us. They were celebrations of family life and the constant renewing and refreshing of the family of the Church. And, they were celebrations of our varied gifts; for organisation, for flower arranging, for music and liturgy, and for being joyful, and able to come together and live entirely in the present moment as a caring and supportive community.

And then there was the multicultural Mass. What a joy that was. So many languages, cultures, costumes and cuisines. We may be a small parish. And in the usual rendering of the term, one of the Poorer parishes in the diocese. But we are so rich in all the ways that matter. Including knowing how to celebrate, to rejoice in the wonderful diversity of God's Creation, including His holy people -us!

We all came away so uplifted. Not by something passing, or fanciful, but by something powerful. Not to do with our merits. To do with our Creator and the incredible diversity of gifts he has given us and that we can share with each other in our parish community, and beyond! That for me is a glimpse of the Kingdom of Heaven. One we can trust.

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;

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, William Kingswell Frewen, Bobby Deighton, Margaret Green, Nicola Juniper, Bernard Morgan, Sean Smyth.