

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CONFIRMATION MASS - THIS SUNDAY, 30TH JUNE AT 12.00PM

NEXT PPC MEETING 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

INTERNATIONAL MASS

14th July 2024 at the 10:30 mass.

All parishioners, friends and families are a very welcome part of this service.

We would like to have any ideas you have to add to this year's international Mass. Readers also required.

Please email the parish office or speak to Yvonne Mubanga.

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.

If you can help with lifts on the night please let Krissie know.

PLASTIC BLITZ LITTER PICK - date to be confirmed

ST MICHAEL'S PATRONAL WEEKEND

28TH –30TH SEPTEMBER

TO INCLUDE CRAFT AND PRODUCE SALE

A RAMBLE FOR READING REFUGEES SATURDAY 5TH, OCTOBER

Details to follow

THE WEEKEND OF THE 13TH OCTOBER

MASSES FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

30th June, 2024

The Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul

St Mark's Gospel this week points out the power of faith and the part it plays in a healthy life.

Our faith in other people is strengthened when we see them do deeds of kindness to us or to others. These acts of kindness encourage others to do similar. A simple example is when we slow down our car to let someone queueing at a junction get through; others will then more likely do the same.

We are urged by St Paul in the Second Reading to put our most into works of mercy.

There are so many opportunities if we look out for them: taking a home-cooked meal to a friend who is at home with an incapacitating injury; visiting a friend or relative in a hospital or care home and taking them outside in the sunshine for walk or wheelchair ride; telephoning someone who is alone, and may be feeling down, for a chat. It is worth reminding ourselves how even a relatively simple act of kindness can make such a positive difference to someone's day.

Recently on the way to visit a relative in hospital, I saw in the distance a man, holding onto a handrail. It was a long corridor and as I watched him, while walking closer, I saw a young woman coming from the other direction move towards him. As I approached them, I could hear her asking him if he needed any help. Close up, I could see he looked very pale, and his breathing was laboured. He told her quietly that he felt faint. I steadied him while the young woman talked to him further until a passing nurse summoned help. Soon a wheelchair was brought over for him to rest in and he was wheeled away for further assessment.

I was struck by the care and kindness of this young woman. Not only had she noticed and attended to the needs of the elderly man but, she had taken a lengthy walk to go outside the hospital to let a friend of the man, who was looking after his dog, know what had happened. This young lady gave a wonderful example of the works of mercy St Paul refers to. It would have been quite easy to just bustle past this man who wasn't obviously crying out for help.

Lord we pray for your guidance so that we are not so pre-occupied with our own concerns that we miss opportunities to help those who need us.

Jim



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 receive 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 had a bone marrow transplant - both continue to need our prayers

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;

Norman Lousley, Audrey Monument, Bob Ryan, Pam Ryan, Doris Campbell, John Russell, Marie van Bree-Anschutz, Grace Coll Patrick Cottrell, Bernard Fornara, Richard Frankton, Bob Gaffney, Lou Levy, Mark San, Jean Coleman, Susanna Free, Francis Joanes, Margaret Mather, W. Smyth, Maggie Carroll, Chris Tynan, Michael Werkalec.