

Prayer for the Diocesan Vision

Spirit of God,
descend on me this day.
Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,
the Spirit of hope to inspire me,
the Spirit of love to surround me and
the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit,
I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,
so that I may grow in worship of your name
in love of you in my prayer
and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.
Strengthen and defend me,
so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.
Help me this day and always
to be a channel of grace
in all I say and do
and invite others into relationship with you.

Amen

Thought for the week The Feast of All Saints 31st October, 2021

“THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS”

Each Sunday, as part of the Apostles Creed we state that we believe in, ‘The Communion of Saints.’ Today’s feast helps us appreciate what we mean by this statement of faith and the benefit it has for us today. As well as the well-known saints whose feast days we celebrate during the year, there are many unsung heroes of our faith that have died and now stand in the presence of God. Their names are not listed in any litanies, books have not been written about them. Yet they have listened to Jesus as proclaimed in the Gospels and put their faith in him. They believed that through his death and resurrection the doors to God’s kingdom have been opened to all who have faith. Opening their hearts to receive the Holy Spirit, they put the things of God and heaven before the things of this world and are now in the presence of God. Perhaps we have embraced or shaken hands with some of them, sat round a table and shared a meal or a drink or even lived with them.

Like them, because of our baptism, we are sons and daughters of God and together with them form the Communion of Saints. Whenever the Church celebrates one of its liturgies, be it Mass or another sacrament, the whole Communion of Saints participate, not just those present. They have the advantage of seeing God face to face and have our best interests at heart. Let us ask them to intercede for us so that we can put the things of God and heaven before the things of this world and follow them to see God face to face.

Let us give thanks to those who established our parish of St Michael’s 75 years ago and now stand in the presence of God. Through their intercession may we effectively give witness to the presence of God in our locality and pass on a thriving parish ready to face the challenges of the next 75 years.

Deacon Brian



We ask you to please pray for the following people who continue to ask for your prayers;

Please pray for Carmel Barker who is back in hospital

Please pray for Mary Haggar

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has a tumour on her right eye.

Please pray for Rita Lonsdale.

Maddy Sharman has asked for our prayers.

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry

Please pray for Cecilia Fung, the mother of Fr Jojo. She has had a stroke.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid.

Please pray for Caroline Mikhail (daughter - in - law of Jane and Ramsay Mikhail) who suffered a stroke.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for Jean's great grandson Rogan who is 8 and has leukemia. Rogan continues to need our prayers.

Please pray for the children and teachers of the Parish

Please pray for the residents and staff at the two nursing homes in our parish, Abbeycrest and St Luke's.

Please pray for all victims of the Coronavirus.



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

Cher Vaughan Issel, Patrick Barke, Deacon Paul Grosvenor, Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Fr Frank Sawson, Suzanne Meyers, Margot Gubbin, Henry Predegast, Bertha Rementina Rodrigues,