

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**HOLY HOUR MONDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 7 - 8PM**

Here at St Michael's

### **THE SYCAMORE COURSE**

We are running the Sycamore module on Prayer at St Martin's Catholic Primary School over six weeks.

**This Tuesday 6th February** and continuing to 5th March

Beginning at 2.30pm prompt and finishing just before the end of the school day.

Sycamore is a video series about the Christian faith and its relevance to life today.

**Everyone is most welcome to attend and there is no need to commit to every session.**

### **YEAR OF PRAYER 2024:**

A young diocesan priest, Fr Toby Duckworth, is producing a series of short videos called 'Pause for Prayer.'

The first was released in December introducing the Year of Prayer and the Jubilee.

It can be found on the diocesan website:together with other resources.

<https://www.vocations.org.uk/year-of-prayer-2024>

### **ST MICHAEL'S QUIZ**

#### **WITH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER**

10th February, 7.30pm - Teams of 4 recommended

Tickets on sale now £10.00 per person

Includes fish and chip supper

Drinks will be available on the evening for a donation but please feel free to bring your own bottle

### **FAMILY BOARD GAME AFTERNOON**

This Sunday 4th February 2pm — 4pm

For ages 6 and up. In the parish hall

Sign up sheet now available at the back of church

This is a free event

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Here at St Michael's Church on Friday, 1st March, 6.00pm

## **Thought for the Week**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**4th February 2024**

Can any of us relate to Job as he speaks in the first reading? He is asking what the point of life is, after having to endure much hardship. Life in such a state appears to be nothing more than 'pressed service' or 'hired drudgery'- such a desperately depressing view of life.

Is there any way out?

The gospel message is that of healing. We hear how Jesus heals multitudes, whole towns gathering, all in need of healing, all aware of the one person who can take all sicknesses away. Job's state would be what is presently referred to as mental health illness, a state of depression exacerbated by continuing negative thoughts - because we fail to see how things can ever get better.

I think we should draw some consolation from the numbers that turned up to be healed - and I would like to think this would be the same today. Everyone needs healing of some form, but if Jesus turned up in our village, would we go to meet him to receive healing from him?

Do we believe each of us can have our broken hearts mended, all sickness healed by him who carried our diseases for us? In all things, let us give thanks and continue to praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.

Yvonne Mubanga



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

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

Please pray for Carl Stitt the Uncle of Krissie for a safe and successful outcome for his heart operation on 25th January .

Thank you for your continued prayers for Robert Brooks who had an operation for Bile Duct Cancer and is still recovering.

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 pray for Father Paul Rowan who has had a second corneal graft to save the sight in his right eye. The final stage of his cancer treatment is further delayed.

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 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 had Aplastic Anaemia. He still needs our prayers that he will continue to improve.

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

Richard Hoban, Jill Brown, Margaret Morey,  
Bill Hoban, Peter Smith, Anna Keen, Joanna Sheehan,  
Eileen (Nevin)Leech, Dennis Goodehied,  
Kathleen Warren,