

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **PARISH PASTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

TUESDAY 6TH JUNE 7PM

ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED  
WITH REGARDS TO LIFE IN THE PARISH OF  
ST MICHAEL'S, CAN BE PUT IN THE SILVER BOX  
AT THE BACK OF CHURCH

### **FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE**

10.30am, Sunday, 18th June

### **CONFIRMATION SERVICE**

12 noon, Sunday, 9th July

### **THE THAMES CLEAN UP**

### **THE BIG PLASTIC BLITZ**

September

### **Parish Patronal Weekend and AGM**

29th Sept—1st Oct, 2023

## **Thought for the week**

**4th June, 2023**

**Trinity Sunday**

This week we celebrate Trinity Sunday.

We need to live in awareness of the significance of the Trinity within us all. We are made in God's image and likeness. The Trinity is a belief which we need to accept by faith.

The Trinity is made up of God the Father, who created and loves us; God the Son, Jesus Christ, who liberated and saved us; God the Holy Spirit, who encourages and strengthens us. This belief is fundamental to Christianity and was proclaimed so at The Council of Nicea in 325A.D. and later the Council of Constantinople. The world is still finding out new facts about the human body, so no wonder it is hard to understand the mystery of three persons in one God.

The readings each refer to a part of the Trinity. The first reading from the Old Testament extolls God's care for his world and his people:

*"Blessed the people the Lord has chosen for His own"*

We can trust Him.

The second reading stresses God the Holy Spirit's role in making us children of God and brothers and sisters of His Son, Jesus.

St Paul told the Corinthians and us to:

*"Help one another, be united; live in peace and the God of love and peace will be with you."*

The Gospel tells us of Jesus' final apparition to His apostles, where He urges them to Make disciples of all nations and accept baptism.

*"The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all"*

We must try to be aware of God as our source of strength and courage and use the love, unity and joy in the Blessed Trinity as the model for our whole Christian family, both at home and in the wider world.

This is a lovely prayer by Father Michael Buckley:

**Holy Spirit, be with us throughout this day.  
Strengthen us in our work, enlighten us in our study.  
Make us constantly aware of each other and of You,  
so that we may live every moment of this day  
as you would have us do.**



**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 on June 1st 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;**

Eric Brent, Joseph Eglington, Seamus Keane, Adam Hilliard, Oliver Keogh, Vera Marlein, Maureen Burke, Hugh Gilmartin, Sabastian Franciso, Fr Tony Milledge, Stanley Francis Robinson, Aisling Earley, Al Terry, Bobby Alston, Arthur Burns, Eric Wright, Claudina Rodrigues.