

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thought for the week

5th May, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

BOOK AND PLANT SALE NEXT SUNDAY MAY 12TH

Please join us next Sunday 12th May for a book and plant sale
in **St Michael's Hall from 11am – 3pm**

If you would like to donate any plants or books
(please only good as new books).

Donations can be left on the table in the office
or in the boxes at the back of Church.

All proceeds will be given to the Reading Refugee Charity
and CIRDIC. For more info contact Krissie in the office
Email stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk

YOUTH MASS

3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

THE NEXT YOUTH MASS IS ON THE 19TH MAY AT 10.30AM
WITH MAY PROCESSION

NEXT PPC MEETINGS JUNE 11TH AND 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

FIRST COMMUNION MASS - SUNDAY 16TH JUNE AT 10.30AM

CONFIRMATION MASS - SUNDAY 30TH JUNE AT 12.00PM

INTERNATIONAL MASS JULY 2024 date to be confirmed

ECUMENICAL SAFARI SUPPER Saturday, 6th July.

This is a free event and a sign up sheet for catering numbers
is now available at the back of Church.

SEPTEMBER date to be confirmed

Special Mass for those having a significant
Marriage Jubilee this year e.g. 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 years

OCTOBER date tbc **MASSES FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

“Love one another as I have loved you”

This Sixth Sunday of Easter, the readings speak to the heart of Christian life: love and inclusion. The Acts of the Apostles tells us of Cornelius and his household, who, though not Jewish, received the Holy Spirit just as the apostles did. This passage reminds us that God's love knows no bounds and is available to all who seek it with a sincere heart.

The Psalmist sings a new song for God's salvation, a testament to the joyous salvation available to us all. In the letter of John, we are called to love one another because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

The Gospel of Saint John speaks to us of the greatest commandment: to love one another as Jesus has loved us. This love is sacrificial and selfless, a love that calls us to lay down our lives for our friends.

Today, let us embrace this call to love without limits, to extend our hands in friendship and welcome to all, just as Jesus did, and just as the early church did for Cornelius and his family.

A parishioner



We ask you please, to pray for the following people who need your prayers:

Please pray for the repose of the soul and the consolation of the family of Jim Hardiman whose funeral is Saturday 4th May, 9.30am here at St Michael's

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 as his operation was not successful and will have to be repeated.

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

Anthony Michael Stitt, Richard John Stitt.

Romano Martin Rodrigues, Margaret Bonner Mowbray, Mr Benedict Chin Siew Onn, Bernard Coffey, Vincent Gavin, Maggie Monter, Beryl Lester, Johnny Warman, Margaret Mary (Peggy) Grey, Julia and Michael Keogh, Peter Ridge, Raymond Dockerty, William Kenny, Kenneth Pereira.