## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### LENTEN APPEAL

Embrace Gaza All donations should be returned by April 14th

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL**All donations should be returned by April 14th

#### **SAVE THE DATES**

# FATHER MICHAEL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday April 20th

Join us for a Parish Celebration for The 50th Anniversary
of Father Michael's Ordination

We will be hosting a Cream Tea from 2.30pm —5.00pm
followed by evening Mass at 5.30pm
A sign up sheet for catering numbers
is now available at the back of Church

We are also having a collection for Father Michael to buy a present - please put any donations into an envelope marked (FrMAP) for the attention of Krissie

Please post them into the presbytery by 13th April

### BOOK AND PLANT SALE ON MAY 12TH

We are holding a book and plant sale at the beginning of May. Please consider donating any books (please only good as new ones) or plants. Donations can be left on the table in the office All proceeds will be given to the charities the Parish supports.

For more info contact Krissie in the office.

**ECUMENICAL SAFARI SUPPER** Saturday, 6th July. This is a free event and a sign up sheet will be put up nearer the time.

## Thought for the week Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April, 2024

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday— focussing on the infinite mercy and love of Jesus Our Saviour.

"Peace be with you" - His eternal greeting to those who love Him. Doesn't the world need peace so desperately especially at the moment?

Only Jesus Christ, Son of God can give us the true peace we need and long for, so we can feel free from hatred and revenge and be ready to negotiate for peace in our lives and ultimately the world. The Divine Mercy is the source of true peace offered freely to us by Christ.

In these frightening and sad days we need to recharge our faith and belief in the peace of Christ. We ask Him to give us courage, along with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. We must not be afraid to KEEP asking for peace and love in the world - as only He can give and also be encouraged to persevere and not give up. It is easy to become despondent at the seeming lack of progress in what we ask for but, He knows us best and will always answer – but maybe not in the way we wish.

The saints never gave up even in their most desperate circumstances.

#### Padre Pio:

"Pray, hope and don't worry."

Maximillian Kolbe, prisoner number 16670, in Auchwitz:

"Let us remember that love lives through sacrifice and is nourished by giving. Without sacrifice there is no love" He also acknowledged that the "most deadly poison of our times is indifference"

Let us not be indifferent to our fellow man or to God. Believe

Peace be with us.

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 Rosie Heap who died on Easter Saturday.

Please pray for Sarah Britton.

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 back at home and continues to improve.

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;

Ina Dias, Lilian Everett, Maggie Monter, Kathleen Regan, Harry Fry, Katinka Werfhorst, Ellen Gerrard, Lyn Lewis, Joyce Ashby, Mary Lousley, Elizabeth Toms, Catherine Nevin, John Rixon, Ron Ryan, Geza Toth.