

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NEXT PPC MEETING 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

INTERNATIONAL MASS

14th July 2024 at the 10:30 mass.

All parishioners, friends and families are a very welcome part of this service.

We would like to have any ideas you have to add to this year's international Mass. Readers also required.

Please email the parish office or speak to Yvonne Mubanga.

YOUTH MASS EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

PLASTIC BLITZ LITTER PICK - date to be confirmed

ST MICHAEL'S PATRONAL WEEKEND

28TH –30TH SEPTEMBER

TO INCLUDE CRAFT AND PRODUCE SALE

A RAMBLE FOR READING REFUGEES SATURDAY 5TH, OCTOBER

Details to follow

THE WEEKEND OF THE 13TH OCTOBER

MASSES FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

20th OCTOBER Special Mass for those having a significant Marriage Jubilee this year e.g. 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 years

Thought for the week

7th July, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Mark's Gospel Chapter 6 verses 1-6, we encounter a profound narrative that challenges the familiar and confronts the expectations of faith within one's own community.

This passage reveals Jesus returning to His hometown, where He is met, not with honour, but with scepticism and disbelief.

Despite witnessing His wisdom and miraculous deeds, the people of Nazareth question His authority and identity, ultimately taking offence at Him.

This rejection at home serves as a poignant reminder of the human tendency to resist change and to undervalue the familiar. It also highlights the courage required to stand firm in one's convictions, even in the face of opposition from those closest to us.

This reflection can serve as an invitation to embrace humility and openness, recognizing that God's ways are often beyond our understanding and expectations. It calls us to look beyond the ordinary and to find the extraordinary works of God in the most unexpected places and people.

As we reflect on this passage, let us ask ourselves where we might be resisting the new things God is doing in our lives and in our communities, and how we can open our hearts to receive His wisdom and grace.

This passage thus becomes a mirror for our own lives, urging us to seek faith and understanding beyond the boundaries of familiarity and comfort.

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 consolation of the family of James Wardle who has died

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

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 receive 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 had a bone marrow transplant - both continue to need our prayers

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 pray for the children and staff at St Martin's school

Please pray for our parishioners in St Luke's and Abbeycrest Nursing Homes



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

Maggie Carroll, Chris Tynan, Michael Werkalec, Victims of the London Terrorist, Bombings 2005, Bernard Brown, Helen Coyle, Jerry Ferris, Jack Coyle, Mary Josephine Goodrich, Andrzej H. Jakubiszyn, Michael and Julia Keogh, Fritz Mork, Martin Dougan, Alf Wade, Christopher Wade, Brian Stratmore Cleary, Charley and Mary Ann Smith, John Allison, Frank Johnson, Jimmy O'Shea, Nan Oattes, Marjorie Wickens.