

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**FAMILY MASS WITH MAY PROCESSION**  
on Sunday, 14th May at 10.30am

**FAMILY BOARD GAME AFTERNOON**  
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL  
**21ST MAY, 2023**

**THE THAMES CLEAN UP**  
**THE BIG PLASTIC BLITZ**  
Has been postponed until September

**FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE**  
10.30am, Sunday, 18th June

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE**  
12 noon, Sunday, 9th July

**Thought for the week**

**7th May, 2023**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 33

*Upright is the word of the Lord, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.*

The weather seems to be improving lately and I have been trying to make up for lost time in the garden due to the cool, wet spring. In contrast, the farmers and growers in Spain have been struggling with extreme heat in recent weeks – temperatures of around 40°C - common in Summer, but rare in April. When our food comes from all over the world, we feel directly the effects of war, drought and excessive rainfall in the prices we pay for our weekly shop. The poorest in our society find the increases difficult to absorb.

Climate change produces injustice in the very poorest regions of the earth. The people who can no longer farm and are displaced from their land by a lack of water; those whose land is regularly flooded; those who are under threat from deforestation; these are all directly affected.

Jesus is aware of the suffering of the poor, the disadvantaged, the sinners. He ate with them, healed them and preached that all have rights and dignity as children of God.

The Lord's kindness in giving the earth to his children demands that we take care of it in a spirit of justice and right living.



**We ask you please, to pray for the following people who continue to ask for your 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 Haggar.

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 Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan who is 10 and whose Leukaemia has returned. Rogan has to have 3 months chemo so he continues to need our prayers.

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;**

Bernard Coffey, Vincent Gavin, Maggie Monter, Beryl Lester, Johnny Warman, Peter Ridge, Margaret Mary (Peggy) Grey, Raymond Dockerty, William Kenny, Julia and Michael Keogh, Patrick Joseph Keogh, Kenneth Pereira, Bill Newman, Eileen Savage, Richard Taylor, Leslie Peach.