

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **MASSES FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

**Saturday 14th and Sunday, 15th October**

Do you know someone or would you like to come yourself but need transport? Please contact the Church office or speak with Fr Michael or Deacon Brian.

### **DAY FOR MARRIED COUPLES**

**Saturday, 14th October. 9.45am—3.00pm**

An opportunity for spouses to remember their wedding day and reflect on their marriage journey together.

The day will be led by couples from St Michael's and St Anne's using words, images and music.

Drinks will be provided. Bring your lunch. There is no cost

### **FAMILY MASS**

**SUNDAY 5TH, NOVEMBER 10.30AM**

### **THE CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE**

weekend 4th/5th November after all Masses.

Please bring any unwanted Christmas Cards to Church the weekend of 28th/29th October. These will then be displayed on the weekend of the 4th/5th November when you can Donate £1 to CIRDIC and choose up to 10 cards to take away Reusing unwanted items and cutting down on waste

### **HOLY HOUR**

**6TH NOVEMBER, 7pm - 8pm**

### **BLESSING OF GRAVES—KIDMORE END CEMETERY**

**SUNDAY 12TH, NOVEMBER 2.00PM**

### **CHRISTMAS PUDDING MAKING EVENING**

Friday, 24th November, 7pm in St Michael's Church Hall

Sign up sheets available at the back of Church please return to the parish office by Sunday 12th Nov.

## **Thought for the Week**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8th October 2023**

As I write this, Catholic bishops, priests and lay women and men from all over the world are gathered in Rome, preparing for the Synod of Bishops, part of Pope Francis's extraordinary call to renewal for the whole Church.

I have been deeply inspired by the daily meditations given by Timothy Radcliffe to prepare the Synod members. On Day 2, he talked about how *'Every local Church is a home for God'*. Immediately I thought of St Michael's, our church home. How blessed we are in that home! By way of proof last weekend's celebration of our patron saint, with all the hard work that went into it, gave us one wonderful event after another.

Timothy Radcliffe asks us to consider *'the need to renew the Church as our common home if we are to speak to a world which is suffering from a crisis of homelessness. We are consuming our little planetary home. There are more than 350 million migrants on the move, fleeing war and violence. Thousands die crossing seas to try to find a home. None of us can be entirely at home unless they are. Even in wealthy countries, millions sleep on the street. Young people are often unable to afford a home. Everywhere there is a terrible spiritual homelessness.'*

How can we use our understanding and experience of being at home at St Michael's to reach out with welcome to those who have no spiritual community to go to. There are so many people who do not feel the way we do about the Church. For many of us that includes our children and grandchildren. The Synod offers us hope that this may change for the better; but we will all have to play our part.

So, as Timothy Radcliffe says, *'we must journey towards a Church in which they are no longer at the margin ... 'I loved his analogy of renewing the Church being like making bread: 'One gathers edges of the dough into the centre, and spreads the centre into the margins, filling it all with oxygen. One makes the loaf by overthrowing the distinction between edges and the centre, making God's loaf, whose centre is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere ...'*

Katie Livesey



**We ask you please, to pray for the following people who continue to ask for your prayers;**

Please pray for Kim, Paul and Joe Bunton (Joe has severe learning difficulties and the family are struggling to find help or any respite care.) The parents have had to give up their jobs to look after Joe and they desperately need your prayers that they will find help.

Please pray for Father Paul Rowan whose further recovery from cancer surgery is proving difficult.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan who is now out of hospital but 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 has had his stem cell transplant to treat the Aplastic Anaemia. He still needs our prayers please for a successful outcome.

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

George Hajdu, Deacon Patrick Selwood,  
Annie Fallows, Enid Wilton, Vera Martin,  
Mrs F Rodrigues, Andrew Selwood, Eileen Milne,  
Mary Andrews, Sylvia Adams, Stephen Boyle,  
Thomas Butler, Nigel Hester, Peter Holding,  
Molly (Mary Francis) Morgan, James Enright,  
Florentia Pollock, Jane Raynard.