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Sunday 11th March 2018 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Saint Michael's			4th Sunday in Lent	Saint Joseph's		
Sat	6pm	Joan Smith		Sat	11am-12	Reconciliation
Sun	11am	Ken Parkinson	Sun	9am	Parishioners	
Mon	9.15am	Ronnie Lysaght	Mon	9.15am	Celebration of Word & Communion	
Tues	9.15am	Celebration of Word and Communion	Tues	7pm	Holy Hour (Saint Michael's). Reconciliation Service	
Wed	9.15am	Celebration of Word and Communion	Wed	9.15am	Thomas McCall	
Thurs	9.15am	Peter Ainsworth	Thurs	9.15am	Celebration of Word & Communion	
Fri	9.15am	Celebration of Word and Communion	Fri	9.15am	Sr Ann-Marie Glynn	
Sat	6:00pm	Sandie Edwards	Sat	11am-12	Reconciliation	

Sunday 18th March 2018 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sun	11am	John Sherrard	5th Sunday of Lent	Sun	9.00am	Barney & Mary Connors
					5.00pm	Tom & Annie McDermott

Morning Prayer of the Church (at both churches): 9.00am, Monday to Friday.

Charismatic Prayer (St Joseph's) Friday 7:30 – 9:00pm. March 16th.

Holy Hour (St Michael's) 1st Friday of the month at 7pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (St Joseph's) Saturday 11am to 12 noon **(St Michael's)** Weds 8.30am to 9am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (St Joseph's) 11am -12noon on Saturdays. **(St Michael's)** 5.15-5.45pm on Saturdays.

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass every 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the Month at 3.30pm in **St Joseph's Upton**

Offertory Collection

Plate/envelopes £485.40
 Standing Orders £391.25 per month
 CAFOD Family Fast £130.00

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Plate/Envelopes £654.84
 Standing Orders £1358 per month
 Lourdes £235.00
 CAFOD £50.00

Saints Club Winners (February)

1st St Charles Lwanga Angela Devon £100
 2nd Our Lady of Walsingham Maeve Regan £50
 3rd St Kevin Doreen Joyce £20

Development Society

4th March £100 460 A. Debs
 £50 491 M. Mitchell

St Michael & All Angels Catholic Primary School

New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Wirral CH49 5LE
 Head Teacher: Mrs. Susan Ralph
 School Tel: 0151 677 4088
 schooloffice@stmichael-allangels.wirral.sch.uk

St Joseph's Parish Centre

Greenbank Road Birkenhead
 Manager: Mrs Marge Penrose
 0151 652 8487 (after 7pm)

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Woodchurch Road Oxtan CH43 5UT
 Head Teacher: Mr. Alex Turner
 School Tel: 0151 652 6781
 schooloffice@stjosephs-birkenhead.wirral.sch.uk

Lenten Stations of the Cross join us for Stations of the Cross each Friday throughout Lent at 7pm in Saint Michael's church. Everyone is welcome.

Lenten Journey at Saint Joseph's During Lent we are inviting you to pray for another member of our parish family. Please write your name on a prayer card as you come into church and as you go home please take out a prayer card and pray for the person named during the coming week. Also see the flyer for a weekly action to help us grow and to reach out to others during this Lenten season.

Adoremus Eucharistic Congress DEADLINE EXTENDED:

This September at the Echo Arena in Liverpool 10,000 Catholics will gather for this historic event do you want to be part of it? We have been allocated tickets for Friday 7th and Saturday 8th. Speakers include Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop McMahon OP and the famous Bishop Robert Barron from the USA. A copy of the programme is on the notice board at the back of church. If you would like to represent our parishes then please complete a booking form and return it to the presbytery. Tickets are £40 each but the parish will subsidise on a BOGOF offer (buy one get one free).

Fair Trade Fortnight This weekend at Saint Joseph's our stall will be open, to buy Fair Trade Goods when you can also bring along a receipt from something you have purchased during fair trade fortnight and enter our free raffle.

Someone's birthday! Father Chris will be 40 next Sunday (18th) and we are holding a parish party to celebrate from 12.30pm until 5pm in Saint Joseph's Parish Centre. Everyone one is welcome - please do come along and celebrate (even if you didn't sign up on the list!)

Calling all Gift Aid Donors NEW OFFERTORY BOXES are at the back of church. The tax year 2017/18 will be coming to an end on 5th April and the parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and if you no longer pay income tax or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid scheme, please make contact (at Saint Joseph's Tom Heaney, phone 608 4225) by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year. If as a tax payer you are not enrolled in the gift aid scheme you might consider the benefits the church would gain by doing so. There is no extra expense to you in time or money we can just claim back the tax you have already paid on the money that you contribute.

Wirral Foodbank For those who contribute to the foodbank, at the moment they are particularly short of these items: tea, tinned spaghetti, shampoo, fruit squash and toothpaste. Opening hours at the Distribution Centre are Monday—Thursday 10am to 2pm.

Saint Michael's SVP From this weekend we will be selling tickets after Mass for our Grand Easter Raffle, with the star prize being a giant Easter Egg. Don't worry if you're not a chocoholic because there'll be many more prizes! If you would like to donate a prize it would be most welcome and should be left in the sacristy clearly marked SVP. The draw will be held after Mass on Palm Sunday morning (25th March). We are hoping to send two deserving children from the local area for a summer holiday at the SVP Camp in North Wales and proceeds from the raffle will help with this so please do be generous!

Diocesan Finance Manager Salary £40,000-£45,000 dependant on experience. The Diocese is looking to recruit a Finance Manager, to support and work closely with the Financial Secretary, Full details of the post and application form can be found at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies Completed applications should be returned to pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Closing date: 23 March 2018.

Caritas Shrewsbury is looking for an experienced and enthusiastic person to be their Volunteer Co-ordinator. For more information and an application pack please contact Claire Griffiths Tel 0151 652 1281

Email claire.griffiths@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk

Application packs can also be downloaded from our website www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk. Closing date for applications is the 4th April 2018.

Churches Together In Saint Joseph's parish we are praying this week for those in the following roads:

Elm Rd, Elmswood Rd, Ennerdale, Fairways, Holborn Sq, Holly Grove, Holt Hill & Holt Rd.

Into the deep—Parish Youth Leaders Training and Retreat Day. The Diocesan Youth Mission Team are offering a day to encourage, equip and empower parish youth leaders on Saturday 17th March For more info or to reserve your place, email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Holy Family of Bordeaux Convent A vacancy exists for a Care Assistant in the Care Unit in Highfield Road Rock Ferry. If interested in this 36hr per week post then please contact Mary Catherine Grogan on 0151 645 9482

Red Boxes (Saint Michael's) Please collect your emptied Mission Boxes from the sacristy. If you still have one to be emptied then please return it next week. Anyone is interested in having a Red Box, please see Marie Harrison.

First Confession: Congratulations to the children of Saint Michael's who made their First Confession last week. This coming week it is the turn of the children at Saint Joseph's. Please keep our young people and their families in your prayers at this grace filled time.

Wednesday Word is a great scripture reflection sheet - pick up a copy from the back of church.

Diocesan Symposium on The Eucharist The Symposium will now take place on Saturday 9 June and Sunday 10 June. Please put these dates in your diary! Info to follow.

Repository: Saint Michael's have Easter cards, and First Holy Communion cards and gifts available.

LPA Lenten Holy Hours

"Could you not keep watch with me for an hour?"

Tuesday 13th March Saint Michael and All Angels 7pm

(Reconciliation Service)

Tuesday 20th March Our Lady's 7pm

Join us and prayer for each other, for your own families and for the family of the Church, especially in Birkenhead.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Brian Johnson whose funeral service is this Tuesday, 13th March, at 11:00am at Landican Centre Chapel



Newsletter: Items for the newsletter must be at St Joseph's Presbytery by 6pm on Thursday. Thank you.