

Sunday 11th February 2018 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time						
Saint Michael's			Saint Joseph's			
Sat	6pm	Parishioners	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sat	11am-12	
Sun	11am	Moya Doherty & Anna Nash		Sun	9am	Mary Flynn (Ann RIP)
Mon	9.15am	Kitty Smith	Ferial	Mon	9.15am	Celebration of Word & Communion
Tues	9.15am	Celebration of Word and Communion	Ferial	Tues	7pm	Terri Trueman
Wed	9.15am	Gerard O'Loughlin	Ash	Wed	11am	Service of Ashes (in School)
			Wednesday		7pm	Parishioners
Thurs	9.15am	John Sherrard	Ferial	Thurs	9.15am	Celebration of Word & Communion
Fri	9.15am	Celebration of Word and Communion	Ferial	Fri	10.30am	Joan Veaney (Requiem)
Sat	6:00pm	Douglas Hawksworth	The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites	Sat	11am-12	Reconciliation
Sunday 18th February 2018 - First Sunday in Lent						
Sun	11am	Michael Cunningham	1st Sunday of Lent	Sun	9.00am	Parishioners
					5.00pm	Maureen Wood

Morning Prayer of the Church (at both churches): 9.00am, Monday to Friday.
Charismatic Prayer (St Joseph's) Friday 7:30 – 9:00pm. Feb 16th, March 2nd, 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 £462.50
 Standing Orders £391.25 per month

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Plate/Envelopes £653.01
 Standing Orders £1358 per month

Saints Club Winners (January)

1st Forty Martyrs Anne McManus £100
 2nd Our Lady of the Rosary Lily Palmer £50
 3rd St Benedict S/A Collins £20

Development Society

4th February £100 433 G. Boyle
 £50 858 P. Smith

St Michael & All Angels Catholic Primary School

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 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
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Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday (14 February) and is a day of fasting and abstinence. Masses are at 9.15am at Saint Michael's and 7pm at Saint Joseph's. There will also be a Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of Ashes at 11am in Saint Joseph's Primary School to which everyone is welcome. If the school gates are closed, please use the buzzer on the left hand side and the gates will be opened for you.

Lenten Stations There will be Stations of the Cross each Friday throughout Lent at 7pm in Saint Michael's church.

Traidcraft Please take a minute to visit the Traidcraft stall at the back of church this Sunday. Show your support for fairly-traded goods here and when shopping in the supermarket.

CAFOD Spring Family Fast Day is on 23rd February this year. CAFOD envelopes will be given out next week (18th Feb) with your newsletter. Our contributions are vital to support the developing world. Make your efforts part of your Lenten alms-giving.

Alpha continues this Wednesday at 7.45pm (notice the slightly later start due to Ash Wednesday Mass) in Saint Joseph's Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome and don't worry if you haven't managed to get to weeks one or two. Please continue to pray for our Alpha course.

Our Mission Together - Saint Joseph's A massive thank you to you all for your generosity and support. We are now about £150 short of our £120,000 goal and that is all down to you. If you indicated that you wished to make a pledge, but have not yet completed the paperwork please can I ask you to return your pledge form either to the Curial Offices or if it is easier to the Presbytery. Six months after we finish the fundraising stage of Our Mission Together we can begin to draw down the money and start work on the Parish Meeting Room in the Presbytery and on re-lighting our beautiful church.

Our Mission Together - Saint Michael & All Angels As you know you managed to raise your goal and even surpassed it and again a huge thank you for your generosity and support. Father Chris will be working with the Diocesan Finance Secretary and the Diocesan Youth Mission Team in the next couple of months with an aim of appointing a part time Parish Youth Worker to fulfil the Parish Project part of Our Mission Together. Please keep this intention in your prayers.

Ministry Groups Would all Ministers of the Word please remember to pick up a copy of the notes from the Sacristy in both churches. Also please remember the Gospel acclamation (not necessarily the verse) must be sung - if not it is omitted!

Our next Ministry meeting is for all ExtraOrdinary Ministers of Holy Communion next Saturday, 17th February, at 1pm in Saint Michael's Church. See you there!

Wednesday Word At the suggestion of one of our Ministers of the Word there will now be copies of Wednesday Word available at the back of church. It is a great scripture reflection sheet - helpful to Ministers of the Word and all of us. Pick up a copy this Sunday to reflect on and prepare next Sunday's readings.

Open Evening St Anselm's College will be holding a 6th Form Open Evening for boys in Year 11 on Wednesday February 28th from 7.00 to 9.00pm.

Saint Michael & All Angels From the First Sunday of Lent we are going to 'tweak' our Liturgy of the Word at Sunday

Mass. The Minister of the Word will proclaim the Psalm and as a congregation we will respond to each verse with the response. Also from the First Sunday of Lent Deacon Pat or Deacon Paul will proclaim the Universal Prayer.

Women's World Day of Prayer An annual ecumenical time of prayer and reflection takes place across the Prenton churches. This year Saint Joseph's will host on Friday 2nd March at 1.45pm this gathering. The event is open to all, please consider joining us. If you would like to take part by reading or an action, then please contact Mary Heaney on 0151 608 4225.

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

Johnson Rd, Kenmore Rd, Kindale Rd, Levers Causeway, Leighton Rd, Linwood Rd & Little Storeton Lane.

Come and Be Sociable Do you enjoy knitting, sewing, quilting, crochet, card-making, embroidery, etc? Would you like to learn a new craft or share your expertise with others? To find out more then come along to our new craft group at **St. Joseph's Centre**, Greenbank Road on **Wednesday mornings, 10:00 – 12 noon**. Bring your craft work with you and enjoy a relaxing morning over a cuppa with friends. For more information contact Mary Arch.

Into the deep—Parish Youth Leaders Training and Retreat Day. The new Diocesan Youth Mission Team are offering a day to encourage, equip and empower parish youth leaders on Saturday 17th March from 10am to 3pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Ellesmere Port. For more info or to reserve your place, email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Adult Catholics Together Spiritually A Recovery of Mercy: the radical experience of Grace through all our addictions is the theme for the next Day of Reflection for 'ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually') being held on Sat 17th February 2018. If you are aged between 18 - 35 please join us when we will be led by Damien Prescott, the Director of 'Olive Branch Recovery Communities'. The day will start at 9.30pm at Wistaston Hall, Crewe CW2 8JS and finish around 5pm. Payment by anonymous donation (suggested cost £20 & £15 for unemployed/student). If you would like to join us or wish to know more about it please contact Siobhan Cartwright at siobhancbc@gmail.com tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761138947.

Diocesan Symposium on The Eucharist Saturday 3rd March at Saint Ambrose College Hale Barns and Sunday 4th March at Shrewsbury Cathedral. Father Oliver Treanor is the main speaker on the theme 'The Eucharist, Maelstrom of Love: Source and Centre of the Sacramental Life. See poster for more details.

Saint Michael's Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday 1st March at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

First Holy Communion Candidates As we are about to enter Lent as a season of preparation please add to your prayers the children who are being prepared to receive the Lord for the first time. May it be an enriching part of their growth and development.

RIP
 Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Joan Veaney whose requiem is this Friday, 16th February, at 10.30am in St Joseph's.

