

**Sunday 13th May 2018 - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Saint Michael's			Saint Joseph's			
Sat	6:00pm	Pat & Joe Fortune (Anniv.)	World Communication Day	Sun	9.00am	Dorothy Worthington
Sun	11.00am	Andrew & Sally Collins		Sun	5.00pm	Parishioners
Mon	9.15am	<i>Celebration of Word and Communion</i>	<b>Saint Matthias</b>	Mon	9.15am	<i>Celebration of Word and Communion</i>
Tues	9.15am	<i>Celebration of Word and Communion</i>		Tues	7.00pm	Terry Howey
Wed	9.15am	<i>Celebration of Word and Communion</i>		Wed	9:15am	Peggy Jones
Thurs	9.15am	<i>Celebration of Word and Communion</i>		Thurs	10.00am	Requiem Mary Elizabeth Jedynakiewicz
Fri	9:15am	<i>Celebration of Word and Communion</i>		Fri	9.15am	Margaret Duncan
Sat	6:00pm	Chris Burgess (Birthday Anniv.)	<b>Saint Miburga</b>	Sat	11am-12	<b>Reconciliation</b>

**Solemnity of Pentecost LPA Celebration 6pm in St Michaels Church**

**Sunday 20th May 2018 - Pentecost**

Sun	11am	Parishioners ( First Holy Communion)	Sun	9.00am	Geraldine Murphy
				5.00pm	John Newman

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

**Charismatic Prayer (St Joseph's)** Friday 7:30 – 9:00pm. June 1st, 15th, 29th.

**Holy Hour (St Michael's)** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at 3.30pm in St Joseph's Upton**

**Offertory Collection**

Plate/envelopes £416.60  
 Standing Orders £391.25 per month

**Offertory Collection**

Plate/Envelopes £706.06  
 Standing Orders £1278 per month

**Saints Club Winners (April)**

1<sup>st</sup> St Veronica Joan Murdoch £100  
 2<sup>nd</sup> St Margaret Mary Ann James £50  
 3<sup>rd</sup> St John Chrysostom Pat Eccles £20

22th April

**Development Society**

£100 343 L. Flint  
 £50 166 L Brookes

**This Sunday** Canon John Marmion will celebrate the three Masses whilst Father Chris is with the Bishop as his Master of Liturgical Ceremonies at a National Catenian event in Telford. Please pray for the Catenians, and for our retired priests, who are both such a big support to our clergy and parish communities.

**Prayer Ministry** Following the 9am Mass on the last Sunday of each month there will be a prayer team in the Sacred Heart Chapel in St Joseph's. They are there to help if you need a prayer or want to be prayed over.

**World Communication Day:** This Sunday let us pray for those who work in media.

**Data Protection:** the changes in the law at the end of May will affect us as a parish family. To comply (and not get a fine!) some of our procedures need to be amended. Access to the parish office and presbytery has to change. Please be patient as we work through all the necessary processes. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

**Pentecost Part 1:** As we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, join the Local Pastoral Area for a time of Pentecost Praise on Thursday 17 May at 7.30pm in Saint Joseph's Church. All welcome

**Back by popular demand!** Friday 18th May the Lourdes Youth Group are hosting a **Casino Night!** Tickets just £5 and available after Mass or from Sister Catherine, the Presbytery or any of the Lourdes Group. Dress Code is Black Tie! All profits in aid of the Lourdes Youth Group fund.

**Pentecost Part 2:** The annual LPA Vigil Mass takes place at Saint Michael & All Angels next Saturday at 6pm - Bishop Mark will preside and preach. All the parishes of our LPA cancel their Saturday evening Mass so that we can gather together as the Catholic Church in Birkenhead. Everyone welcome.

**Deepening our Faith—Knowing Jesus Better** The **Creed** is a six session look at the profession of faith continuing on Wednesday at 7.30pm in Saint Joseph's Parish Centre. Our **Alpha** course continues on Thursday at 2pm in Saint Michael's Parish Room. Why not seize these opportunities to grow in faith?

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

**Bramwell Ave., Brecon Rd., Broxton Ave., Church Rd., Church Terrace, Clarence Rd. & Convent Close.**

**Saint Joseph the Worker:** thanks to all who came to celebrate and say thank you for all the hard work that goes on to keep our parishes running. A special thanks to Toni & Cath for feeding us.

**Hospital:** If you or any member of your family are admitted to Hospital and wish to be seen by the **Roman Catholic Chaplain** or receive the Sacraments then please telephone 678 5111 extn 2275 and leave the patients name and ward location along with your request for a visit by the Catholic Chaplain.

**Do you shop online?** Did you know you can raise money for our parish every time you shop or search online with out costing you anything extra? Have a look and register at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/saintjosephsparishbirkenhead/>

and help raise some extra cash for our parish.

**Traidcraft:** Produce and items will be on sale this weekend in St Joseph's. Please support Fair Trade

**Saint Joseph's - Social Team:** Ann Holmes has kindly agreed to help gather a team of people to build up the social aspect of Saint Joseph's parish. The aim is to bring us together socially and build our sense of community, belonging and ownership of the parish. We still need more volunteers to join the 'Social Team' if you are interested please speak to Ann, a member of the Parish Pastoral Team or a member of the clergy.

**Saint Joseph's - Finances:** As you are aware Saint Joseph's is struggling financially and we do not have enough money to pay our day by day bills. It takes approximately £230 a day to stand still and keep our head above water (paying our parish priest and any supply priests is not included in that figure). The last Church heating bill alone was in excess of £2500! A huge thank you to those who have come forward with fundraising ideas - we look forward to exploring them, thank you also to those who are considering their offertory contribution - it is very much appreciated. If you have any ideas on how to increase our income please speak to Father Chris or one of the deacons. A couple of areas have been identified to reduce costs, but sadly it's not enough. Father Chris was ordained as a priest not as a fundraiser or accountant, so it is up to us to support our parish if we want to survive.

**Saint Joseph's - Church Cleaning:** A big thank you to the one new volunteer who joined the dedicated team last month. We desperately need more volunteers to keep our wonderful church clean and tidy for God and for each other. We would really like to follow the example of other parishes and clean our church once a week, but our small team can only manage once a month. Can you help? Could you spare an hour and a half once a fortnight to help clean our church? No experience necessary! Cleaning does not have to be on Saturday. Thursday and Friday morning or afternoons can equally prepare the church for the weekend. Please come along to church on Saturday 26 May at 10am and play a big part in the life of our parish community (other wise we might have to hand out dusters or a mop as you come into church on a Sunday morning!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

**First Communion - Saint Michael's:** next Sunday at the 11am Mass a number of our children will be receiving the Lord Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Please pray for them. Please also make the children and their families welcome to Mass and show them the great Saint Michael's hospitality that we are famous for!

**Pastoral Letter:** This weekend Bishop Mark has written to us about the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress taking place in Liverpool this September. Please make sure you pick up the leaflet he mentions in his letter before you leave church!

**RIP**

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of**

**Stephen Fooley** whose Funeral Service will be held in St John's New Ferry on Friday 18th May

**Welcome**

to **Oliver Alfie Duffy & Millie Gail Barnett** who were both baptised at Saint Joseph's last weekend.



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