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'United in conviction and united in love, with a common purpose and a common mind'

*Philippians 2:2*

**NEWSLETTER**  
**SUNDAY 13th April 2014**  
**Passion (Palm) Sunday**

Registered Charity Number 234025

Saturday 12th April	9.00am 6.00pm	Word & Communion with Reflection and meditation on The Passion Freddie and Cheryl Martin	
<b>Sunday 13th Apl.</b> Church Hospital Church	10.00am 3.00pm 4.00pm	Joan Jones RIP Parishioners Benediction	<b>Passion (Palm) Sunday</b> Refreshments after 10.00am Mass in the Presbytery
Monday	9.15am	Word and Communion	
Tuesday	9.15am 7.00pm	Word and Communion Sedar Meal in school hall	
Wednesday	9.15am	School Mass – in Church <i>Int - Denis McAleny RIP</i>	
	7.00pm	Watching of the Passion- in Church	
<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>At St Michaels</b>	7.30 pm	Mass of The Last Supper - followed by Watching until 11.30 – joining with Holy Cross for Night Prayer Ken Parkinson RIP	
Good Friday	9.15 am <b>10.00 am</b>  Noon <b>3.00 pm</b> 7.00 pm	Morning Prayer of the Church <b>Ecumenical Walk of Witness – meet at Holy Cross</b> Children's Stations of the Cross <b>The Passion of Our Lord</b> Tenebrae – Candlelit Service	
<b>Holy Saturday 19th April</b> <b>At St Joseph's Birkenhead</b>	9.00am 9.00pm	Morning Prayer of The Church Vigil mass at St Joseph's Birkenhead	
<b>Sunday 20th April</b> Church Hospital	10.00am 3.00pm	Parishioners Parishioners	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
<b>From Sunday 27th April – Sunday Mass will be at 11.00am</b> <b>From 27th April - There will be no Hospital Sunday Mass</b>			
<b>Confessions</b>	<b>5.00 to 5.45pm on Saturday before Mass or by Appointment</b>		

**SERVICES**

EVERY SUNDAY Tea and toast after 10.00am Mass in the Presbytery  
TAIZE - there will be a Taize Service at St Michaels on the 1st Sunday of the Month at 7.00pm.  
BENEDICTION – 2nd Sunday of the Month at 4.00pm  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each  
Wednesday morning 8.30am until 9.am followed as usual by Mass at 9.15am  
MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – 9.00am before weekday services

**OFFERTORY FOR LAST WEEK £ tbc** Thank you for your generosity

**SAINTS CLUB WINNERS –February**

1st prize £100, 2nd prize £50, 3rd prize £30, 4th prize £20

1st St Thomas Aquinas Sue Morris £100      2nd St Margaret of Scotland Trudi Priaux £50  
3rd St Hugh Of Lincoln Joan Murdoch £30      4th St Aiden Tom Moore £20

**OTHER NOTICES  
SUNDAY MASSES –**

**You will know by now that the Sunday Masses after Easter will be  
9.00am at St Joseph's and 11.00am at St Michael and All Angels.**

Although the decision wasn't dependent on the straw poll held the other week, it does fit in with the wishes of those who voted on that day. Whilst appreciating that this will mean a change of routine for all concerned, this will mean that I am able to be at both parishes every week to promote a shared ministry and sense of community. I ask for your patience and support over the next few months as we find ways of working together more and more. I look forward to seeing the parishes come together in worship and faith to build towards our future. – Fr Nick

**HOLY WEEK**

**FOOTWASHING** – We need six people from St Michaels to take part in the foot washing on Holy Thursday. The list is in the sacristy. If people could sign up this weekend and please try to get to church a little early so that we know you are there.

**READERS** – Following the e-mail regarding the usual rota for readers - some readers are needed over the Holy Week who have not yet been allocated. Please see the list in the sacristy or speak to John Birch.

**NOTE-** Re-commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers and Readers will take place at Corpus Christi and not at the Mass of the Lords Supper.

**SEDAR MEAL** - 7.00pm Tuesday 15th April in the School Hall - this is a wonderful Holy Week celebration for all the family. It brings us together with our Jewish family in faith. Please sign up for an idea of numbers and indicate if you are able to help on the night. All welcome.

**HOSPITAL MASS**

Easter Sunday is the last Sunday that a Sunday Mass will be celebrated at the Hospital at 3pm. We will ensure that there is a Catholic Mass or Service at another time in the week and hope to continue the tradition of Healing Masses - though at another time than Sunday.

**EASTER FAIR** – Following the success of the School Fair last week, the school has made a donation to the parish of £200. Thanks to all parishioners who helped and supported the school on the day.

**MONDAY MEDITATION** - 6.30pm Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April. This opportunity for reflection and meditation will take place at Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch on a fortnightly basis. There will be a short guided meditation and then time to spend in the peace and quiet of God's presence. Please do join us.

**SVP Giant Easter egg raffle.** Starting this weekend please help your SVP society by buying raffle tickets after Mass with the chance to win a giant Easter egg. Also if you would like to donate any Runner-up Prizes these would be most welcome and can be left in the Sacristy (marked SVP) or handed to any member. Many thanks as always for your support.

**FISH and CHIP SUPPER** - Friday 25th April, 2014. 7.00pm start. £6 per person - bring own drinks. Blackthorn Root will be providing the music on the night.

**SCRIPTURE GROUP** – will not now meet until after Easter as there are other Lenten services taking place.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** Dates for 2014 – Apl – 25<sup>th</sup>. May – 9 & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jun 6 & 20<sup>th</sup>. Jul 4 & 18<sup>th</sup>. At St. Joseph's, Birkenhead.

**Why are the statues covered in Lent?** We are in Passiontide and the focus of the Church is on the great Mystery of Holy Week. In the 9th Century, churches would cover the altar with a great cloth which was not removed until the Vigil. In medieval times the altar was hidden from the penitent congregation, again until the Vigil Mass. Eventually, from this came the custom of covering statues, which is no longer compulsory, but which we follow today.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION AND REHEARSAL** - This is for parents and godparents of babies who are being baptised. Parents seeking baptism for older children (5 and over) will have different sessions for themselves and their children. In either case please first see either of the Deacons to complete the initial information form and arrange times and dates. Thank you.

Parish Prayer



Most Powerful Holy Spirit come down upon us and subdue us.  
From Heaven, where the ordinary is made glorious, and glory seems but ordinary.  
Come down upon our Parish Community to guide our hearts and minds  
Bathe us with the brilliance of your Light like dew.

