

Blessing on him who comes  
in the name of the Lord



Day		Celebration	Psalter	Saint Michael's Masses		Saint Joseph's Masses	
Saturday	13	St Martin I	Opt Comm	6:00pm	People of the Parish	11-12 noon	Exposition
Sunday	14	<b>Palm Sunday of Passion of the Lord</b>	<i>Week II</i>			9:00am	Noran Frances Burn
Pray for Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers				11am	Roanald Lysaght	5pm	Emily McCartan
Monday	15			9:15am	No Mass or Service	9:15am	Mary Taylor
Tuesday	16			9:15am	Celebration of Word & Communion	7pm	No Mass
Wednesday	17	<b>MASS OF CHRISM at WYTHENSHAWE</b>		9:15am 7pm	Remembrance of Hillsborough Mass of Chrism Wythenshawe	9:15am 7pm	No Mass or Service Mass of Chrism Wythenshawe
Thursday	18	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper		9.15am 7pm	No Mass or Service People of the Parish	9:15am	No Mass or Service
Friday	19	Celebration of the Lord's Passion		3pm	Liturgy of the Passion	3pm	Liturgy of the Passion
Saturday	20						
		<b>First Mass of Easter</b>				8.30pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	21	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<i>Week II</i>				
Pray for New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right use of Media; the Church, Human Work				11am	People of the Parish	9.30am 5pm	Retired Clergy NO MASS

### Father Chris writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We have arrived at 'the great week', Holy Week, the most important week in our Christian faith. As we enter Jerusalem with Jesus this Palm Sunday we enter into the events and relationships that bring us new life, these are the days of our salvation. Holy Thursday we recall the institution of the Eucharist, the Bread of Life. Good Friday we watch from the foot of the cross as Jesus surrenders his life so that you can live, live free from sin. Then the high point of the week the great Easter Vigil, the Mother of all Vigils, the night of our salvation, the night of resurrection. DO NOT MISS THE EASTER VIGIL. Holy Saturday is the most important night of your life. Please take note of times and venues for this great week and share it together with our parish families, and why not invite a friend or family member to join you? Wishing you a blessed Holy Week.

#### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And You shall renew the face of the earth.  
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations,  
Through Christ Our Lord,  
Amen*

**The Safeguarding Representatives for our parishes are**  
**St Michael's - Marie Gelling mobile 0771636925 & St Joseph's - Marie Fisher 015106701767**

**Mass Times** Please make note of the changes to Mass times during Holy Week and Easter weekend.

**The Marian Lamps:** This week the Lamp at Saint Michael's burns for Pat, Joe & Brendan Fortune the Lamp at St Joseph's burns for The People of Yemen

**Sedar Meal** Anyone wishing to come please sign up at the back of church - name only. Just so we have an idea for catering purposes.

**All Servers** are welcome and needed for the Triduum rehearsal for the Vigil at 11am on Saturday at St Joseph's.

**Swieconka:** The blessing of Easter baskets for the polish community will take place on Saturday 20th of April at 12 noon at St Joseph's.

**PILGRIM TROUPE:** For one night only! Members of the Pilgrim Troupe and Saint Joseph's choir will lead a reflection 'At The Foot of the Cross' at 8pm on Good Friday at Saint Joseph's, North Road Birkenhead. Everyone welcome.

**Deepening your faith Knowing Jesus better:** Our next series starts on Wednesday 24 April at Saint Joseph's in the Hazlehurst Room at 7:30pm and on Thursday 25 April at 2pm in Saint Michael's Old Presbytery. This is a six-week series looking at 'Knowing God Even Better.' Everyone is welcome. Join us to watch the DVD, have a brew, and share in conversation about faith and our relationship with God. Will you join us????

**'Battle Ready' Prayer Group** (Ephesians 6:10): As a result of our recent 'Catholics making a difference' course Saint Michael's are launching a new prayer group to pray for our young people and to pray for the parishioners of both our parishes that hearts will be open to receive the Holy Spirit and to hear the Word of God. The 'Battle Ready' Prayer group will meet each Thursday starting on 25 April at 4pm in Saint Michael's Old Presbytery. Everyone is welcome

**Adult Alpha** St Joseph's, Upton are starting an Adult Alpha on Tuesday evenings, starting 7th May. If anyone is interested they can get details from their parish office 0151-677 2185.

**Churches Together:** In Saint Joseph's parish we are praying this week for those in the following roads: **Rosedale Rd, Rothesay Gardens, Roxburgh Ave, Shipton Close, Stanley Ave, Tudor Rd, Victoria Fields, Victoria Park Rd & Victoria Rd.**

**St Michael's SVP Easter Raffle:**

The draw will take place after the 11am Mass this Sunday. Good Luck!!

**Offertory Envelopes:** There are still some boxes which have not been collected. Please make sure you pick yours up.

**St Michael's Social** A Fish & Chip Supper on Friday 17th May from 7pm in the School Hall bring your own drinks and be entertained by Blackthorn Root. Tickets £6.50

**Easter Flowers:** This weekend is your last opportunity to make a prayer intention with your Easter flower offering.

**Heritage Lottery Fund at St Michaels:** In order to show our church to the public, we are looking for volunteers to be present in the church and to help visitors maximise the visiting experience. There will be training, and support given to any volunteers. If you wish to help with this exciting development, please give your names to Deacon John Birch, Steve Goulding or Andy Collins.

**Mum's n Tots - Holy Joe's:** We are looking for volunteers to help out with our tots' group in St Joseph's from September. You don't necessarily need to have a Tot, it will entail opening up the Parish Centre, ensuring there is a supply of tea, coffee, milk and juice for everyone and at the end making sure everything has been put away and then locking the Centre front entrance. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Monday, please see Deacon Les or Hayley.

**Messy Church:** A great success for our youngsters yesterday as they prepared with their families for Holy Week and the Great Feast next weekend. Watch out for details of the next Messy Church.

**Youth Ministry:** Clare will be running Youth Alpha starting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May for those in Year 7 and above who want to know more about their faith, especially those who wish to be confirmed. If you are interested in coming along or want to know more, please contact Clare.

Can you help? It would be great to get a team together who can help at the sessions in various ways – if you can help or want to know more contact Clare.

At the beginning of this Great Week – Holy Week - we hear and recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The crowds cheered, waved palm branches and laid them on the floor and shouted 'Hosanna!' Then we hear the crowds, just days later shouting, 'Crucify him!' Are we a little bit like the crowds – easy to follow Jesus when we're at Mass or Youth Events, but then at other times we give into various pressures and don't follow Him? This Great week I urge you to truly open your hearts to Jesus and follow him through all his suffering and then rejoice in his resurrection.

The next youth event is Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon – 1:30pm – film afternoon. Consent forms will need to be filled in.

To contact Clare Williams either email

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**St Joseph's the Worker BBQ** This will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May starting with Mass at 12 noon at St Joseph's+. All those work in our parishes are very welcome.

**Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne** for young Adults (20s and 30s) from Wednesday 24th April to Sunday 28th April 2019. A time to walk along part of St.Cuthbert's way, reflect and

pray with other young adults and spend time on the beautiful island of Lindisfarne. Accommodation is in a basic bunkhouse near St Cuthbert's cave.

**Early help support workers:** Caritas require 2 Early Help Support Workers to provide a high-quality Support Service across Wirral. You will give practical help and emotional support to families experiencing short or long-term difficulties. The focus of your role is to provide support to service users, empowering them to address various challenges, reducing problems and risks. Enabling families to overcome wide-ranging challenges and difficult situations means that your role is extremely varied and highly rewarding. SCP21 - £19,742 pro rata P/T and TTO Funded until March 2021

Plus, essential car allowance. Full details can be found on the poster in the porch.

**A vacancy** has arisen for a Cathedral Development and Events Officer. The successful candidate will be expected to develop and enhance the role and presence of the Cathedral in the life of the Diocese, the town of Shrewsbury and the county of Shropshire. For more information and an application form please visit

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>.

Completed applications should be sent to [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org). Closing date Friday 10 May 2019.

**A vacancy** has arisen for a Deputy Director of Schools within the Diocese of Shrewsbury assisting in providing leadership, vision, professional advice and strategic direction to support the statutory and canonical work of the Bishop and Diocesan Trustees in promoting and safeguarding the interests of Catholic Education and ensuring the highest standards in Catholic schools, academies and colleges.

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**Please pray for the repose of the souls of:**

**Vincent McNally** whose funeral service is in St Joseph's on Tuesday 24th April at 10.30am followed by burial at Mayfield.

**Sheila Graham** whose funeral service is at 1.30pm in Landican Crematorium on Tuesday 24th April.

**Emily McCartan** whose funeral service is at 2pm on Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April at Centre Chapel Landican Crematorium.

## What's on this week?

### HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday** Masses Sat 6pm@StM  
Sun 9am@ StJ 11am@ StM 5pm@ StJ  
with 9 and 11 am masses beginning outside church

#### Monday

9:15 @St Joseph's  
7pm Sedar Meal @ St Michael's

#### Tuesday

NO Masses

#### Wednesday

9:15 St Michael's  
7pm Diocesan **Chrism Mass** @ St Anthony's Withenshawe

#### The Triduum

##### Holy Thursday

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper @ St Michael's followed by watching until 10:30pm

##### Good Friday

12.30 Children's Stations of the Cross @ St Michael's

3pm Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross in both Churches

6.30pm Tenebrae Service @ St Michael's

8pm Prayer at the foot of the Cross @ St Joseph's

##### Holy Saturday

10:30 Morning Prayer @ St Joseph's

12noon Blessing of Food @ St Joseph's

##### EASTER

8:30pm The Great Easter Vigil @ St Joseph's

**Easter Sunday 9:30am @ St Joseph's  
& 11am @ St Michael's**

**NO MASS AT 5PM**

##### Monday of the Easter Octave

12noon @ St Michael's

## Readings at Mass


<b>Procession</b>	Luke 19:28-40	<i>Blessing on him who comes in the name of the Lord</i>
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	Ps 23: 9-10	<i>Hosanna in the highest</i>
<b>Reading 1</b>	Isa 50:4-7	<i>I did not cover my face against insult—I know I shall not be shamed.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 r. 2 25 r.3	<i>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?.</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	2 Phil 2:6-11	<i>He humbled himself, but God raised him high</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Phil 2:8-9	<i>Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	John 8:1-11	<i>If there is one among you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.</i>
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	Luke 22:14–23:56	<i>The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>

## Words to Reflect...

### PARISH TEAM:

Parish Priest: Reverend Father Christopher Matthews  
 In Residence: Reverend Father Joseph Anchanictal Sebastian (SyroMalabar Chaplain)  
 Deacons: Revs Gerard Boyle, Patrick Regan, Les Arch, Paul D’Ambrogio & John Birch  
 Parish Sisters: Sister Catherine Bibby FCJ & Sister Mary Hill SCN  
 Youth Ministry: Clare Williams ✉ [clare.williams@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:clare.williams@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) ☎ 0780 341 4669

Parish Office: **The Parish Office is usually open 10am to 3pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.**

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### Saint Michael’s Offertory Collection

Plate/envelopes £ 370.30  
 Standing Orders £391.25 per month

### Saints Club Winners March)

1st St Augustine Jean Gallagher £100  
 2nd St Winifred Angela Devon £50  
 3rd St Sebastian Nikki McKevitt £20

### Saint Joseph’s Offertory Collection

Plate/Envelopes £391.13  
 Standing Orders £1358 per month

### Development Society

£100 303 A Mayes  
 £50 640 H. Sullivan

### Saint Michael & All Angels Catholic Primary School

New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Wirral CH49 5LE

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### Saint Joseph’s Parish Centre

Greenbank Road Birkenhead

Manager: Mrs Marge Penrose

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### Saint Joseph’s Catholic Primary School

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