

O Lord , hear my voice
for I have called you.



Day		Celebration	Psalter	Saint Michael's Masses		Saint Joseph's Masses	
Saturday	8	Ferial		6pm	Breeda Jones	11-12	No Confessions
Sunday	9	Pentecost	Week II				
Day of special prayer for the Church				10.30am	International Mass	9am 5pm	No Mass My Sister Mary
Monday	10	Mary, Mother of the Church	Memorial	9:15am	Sister Mary's Comfort & Care	9.15am	Celebration of Word & Communion
Tuesday	11	St Barnabas, Apostle	Memorial	9:15am	No Services	7pm	Louise Park
Wednesday	12	Ferial		9:15am	No Services	9:15am	Collins Family
Thursday	13	Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest	Feast	9:15am	Ann Drake & Family	12 noon	Requiem Mass Diane O'Hare
Friday	14	Ferial		9.15am	No Services	9:30am	In School (Ivor McKee)
Saturday	15	Ferial		6pm	Alan & Sadie Ainsworth	10.30am	1st Holy Communion
Sunday	16	The Most Holy Trinity	Week III				
During Ordinary Time we pray for : A Deeper Understanding between Christians and others; Those who Suffer Persecution; Oppression and Denial of Human Rights, Europe; Human Life and Seafarers.				11am	Kathleen & Peter Mahony	9am 5am	Maureen Perham Welfare of Ceri

Father Chris writes.....

Welcome to this week's newsletter!

Today we keep the great Solemnity of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. On that first Pentecost the Holy Spirit was poured out onto the new Church as she began Her mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Today we ask for a fresh out pouring of the Holy Spirit so we too can share the Good News. As we celebrate our first joint parish International Mass may we be inspired to witness to Jesus by our thoughts, words and deeds.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit anything can happen!

Come Holy Spirit, Come upon us.

Happy Pentecost!!

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 01516701767

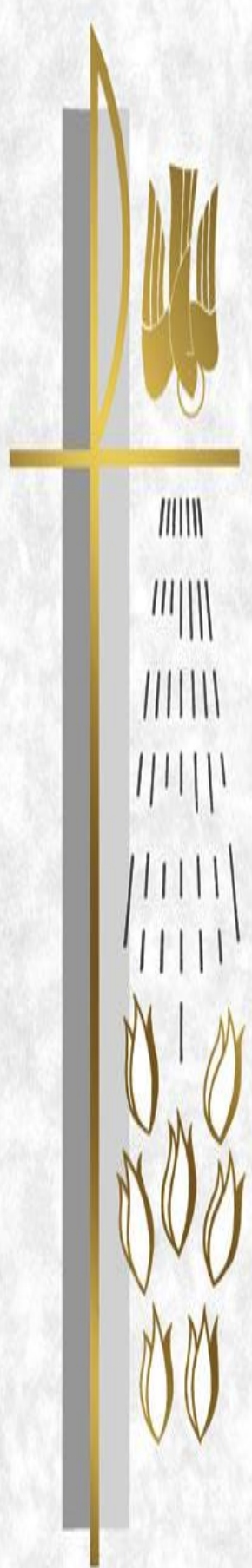
The Marian Lamps: This week the Lamp at Saint Michael's burns for the repose of the soul of Varghese, Father of Shainy. The Lamp at Saint Joseph's burns for Children preparing to receive their first Holy Communion.

Saint Michael's roof update: Sadly, there have been a number of setbacks including with scaffolding and the roofing subcontractor. We are not yet water tight, but the contractors are doing their utmost to make sure we stay dry inside our wonderful church. They know how unhappy and frustrated Father Chris is!!! There will probably be a delay in the work being completed, but that is still being negotiated. Unfortunately due to the need for a more advanced scaffolding setup there will need to be some internal propping. We already have scaffolding in the sacristy and more will be going up in the side porch and sadly in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel which will make it unusable. As from Monday (tomorrow) Mass on a Monday and Thursday will be celebrated in the main body of the church and there will be no Celebrations of Word and Communion whilst the scaffolding is in place. Father Chris is very apologetic and knows this is a great inconvenience, but he hopes you will understand even if you don't like the situation! Thank you for your understanding.

Youth Ministry: Happy Birthday Church! – Did you know Pentecost is the Birthday of the Church? When the Holy Spirit came to the disciples they went out and spoke in many languages – our international mass today is a great reminder of this! Jesus has given us the gift of the Holy Spirit to be with us as we are 'sent' out to share the Jesus with others – be open this week to opportunities to do this.

The next youth event is the Wirral Coastal Walk - 23rd June. Young People up to the age of 18 who wish to take part in the Wirral Coastal walk to raise money for future youth events please let Clare know. The first stopping point is after 4 miles – we should all be able to have a good go at this! If you think you can do more let Clare know. We'll meet at 9am underneath the clock at Seacombe Ferry Terminal. Sponsor forms are on the noticeboard at Saint Michael's or available from Clare clare.williams@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or 07803414669

Deepening your faith "The Gift" Life in the Spirit: Join us to watch the DVD, have a brew, and share in conversation about faith and our relationship



with God. This is a series looking at "The Gift" in Saint Joseph's in the Hazlehurst Room on Wednesday at 7:30pm and on Thursday's at 2pm in Saint Michael's Old Presbytery. Everyone is welcome.

'Battle Ready' Prayer Group Prayer group meets each Thursday at 4pm in Saint Michael's Old Presbytery.

Churches Together: In Saint Joseph's parish we are praying this week for those in the following roads: **Parkhurst Rd, Pennine Rd, Pine Walks, Prenton Rd East, Raffles Rd, Rawcliffe Rd & Rectory Close.**

Deacon Owen Gallagher: Deacon Owen is being Ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Mark on Saturday 13 July in Saint Michael's at 11am. We are looking for volunteers to help welcome guests, look after the visiting clergy and Altar Servers. If you can help please speak to one of the Deacons. Everyone is warmly invited to the Ordination Mass as well as to Father Owen's Mass of thanksgiving at 10.30am on Sunday 14 July in Saint Joseph's. Again we are looking for volunteers to help welcome guests and Altar Servers. This is a great occasion for our parishes as well as for the future Father Owen and his family and friends. It is the first ordination ever to take place in Saint Michael's so something to really celebrate. From our two parishes we would like to be able to give Father Owen a gift; if you would like to contribute towards a gift, there will be envelopes available at back of church in the next few weeks. Please return these via the collection plate, via any of our clergy or through the Presbytery door at Saint Joseph's. Thank you in anticipation.

Genealogy Group: There will be no Genealogy sessions until further notice.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland: 23rd September 2019. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening.

Lunch on days out. All entertainment and excursions included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

MISSIO Summer Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies and Fr Tony Chantry MHM with talks by Mill Hill Missionaries and Missio's APF. Sat 29 June at 12 Noon. Open to all and especially Red Box volunteers and supporters. Church of St Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch, CH49 5LE. An opportunity to meet fellow volunteers and refresh fundraising activities plus refreshments in the adjacent primary school.

Cafod Climate Change Lobby Urgent action is needed and 'the time is now'. There is a rally at Westminster on the 26th June to present a petition to Parliament requesting that the UK government endeavours to meet the net zero greenhouse gas reduction target. Please make your views known by signing this petition at the back of church so that our voice can be added to the many being presented.

Diocese of Wrexham Annual Pilgrimage in Thanksgiving at the Shrine of Saint Winefride, Holywell: Sunday 23rd June 2019. 2.30pm: Procession from the Church of St Winefride. 3.00pm: Mass in the Shrine Grounds, followed by refreshments at the Mill on the Hill Tea Rooms. Celebrant and Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Peter M. Brignall, Bishop of Wrexham.

Pause for Hope: On Sunday 16 June at 3pm Bishop Mark will lead the third Pause for Hope service to be held in Saint Columba's church in Chester (Plas Newton Lane CH2 1SA). Pause for Hope is an ecumenical service offering all those affected by cancer a chance to come together in a spirit of prayer. It is an opportunity to pray for those living with cancer, for loved ones, carers, doctors, nurses and those scientists searching for a cure for cancer. The service is open to everyone and will include a reflection by Lynne Moorhead from the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. Following the time of prayer there will be refreshments in the parish centre.



What's on this week?

Sunday 9th Pentecost Sunday

10:30 am International Mass at St Michaels
5pm Mass @ St Joseph's

Monday 10th

9.15 Mass @StM

9.15 Service of Word & Communion @StJ

Tuesday 11th

9.15 No Services @StM

7pm Mass @ StJ

Wednesday 12th

9.15 No Services @StM

9.15 Mass @StJ

10am Craft Group in the Centre @StJ

4:30pm Junior Youth Club

7:30pm DVD & Discussion The Gift @StJ

Thursday 13th

9.15 Mass @StM

9.15 Service of Word & Communion @StJ

9.45am Church Cleaning @StM

10am Art Group in the Centre @StJ

2pm DVD & Discussion The Gift @ StM

4pm "Battle Ready" Prayer Group @StM

6pm Choir Rehearsal @StJ

Friday 14th

9.15 No Services @StM

9:15 Mass @ StJ

9.45 Cleaning @ StJ

Saturday 15th

10.30 First Holy Communion Mass @StJ

11 -12 **No Confessions** @StJ

5pm Confessions @StM

6pm Mass @ StM

Sunday 16th

9am Mass @ StJ

11am Mass @ StJ

5pm Mass @ StM

Welcome to **Jax Joseph Wilson** who was baptised at St Joseph's & **Sienna Bridgette Birch** who was baptised at St Michael's last Sunday.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Diane O'Hare** whose Requiem Mass will be at 12 noon on Thursday 13th June in St Joseph's
Eveline Cople whose Requiem Mass will be at 10 am on Monday 17th June in St Joseph's.

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon	Wis 1:7	<i>The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia</i>
Reading 1	Acts 2: 1-11	<i>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak</i>
Psalm	Ps 103: 1,24,29-31,34	<i>Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth</i>
Reading 2	1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13	<i>In one Spirit we were all baptised</i>
Gospel Acclamation		<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!</i>
Gospel	John 20:19-23	<i>As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit</i>
Communion Antiphon	Acts 2:4,11	<i>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.</i>

Words to reflect.....

Did you know that there are roughly 6,500 spoken languages in the world today? This weekend as we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost our two parishes come together as one to give praise to God in the Eucharist and we will hear a some of those different languages amid a display of faith and culture. In today's Gospel Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the hearts of the apostles and if we allow that same Holy Spirit into our hearts, we will hear a single language that speaks of love for God and for one another. Though we may speak in different tongues we are all branches of the same vine, we are all part of the same body which is, the Body of Christ and we are all united through the work of the Holy Spirit.

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 ☎ 0780 341 4669

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

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Offertory £ 424.17
 Standing Orders £391.25 per month
 VMM 2nd Collection £371.90

Saints Club Winners (May)

1st St Catherine Diane Williams £100
 2nd Our Lady of Lourdes Barbara Fitzsimmons £50
 3rd St Rita Jenny Peek £20

Saint Joseph's Offertory Collection

Offertory £ 827.69
 Standing Orders £1366 per month
 VMM 2nd Collection £455.29

Development Society 2nd June

£100 615 Pat McDonald
 £50 222 Moira Hyland

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
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