

# SAINT MICHAEL'S TIMES

## **The Newsletter of the Parish of St Michael's and the Convent of the Poor Clares,**

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### **Weekly Mass Times**

Sunday: 11.00am   Monday-Friday: 9.15am   Saturday: 10.15am

## EASTER 2022

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

#### **Palm Sunday - 10<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass and Blessing of Palms at 11.00am

#### **Maundy Thursday - 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8.15pm

#### **Good Friday - 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Celebration of the Lords Passion at 5.00pm

*(A day of fasting and abstinence)*

#### **Holy Saturday - 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass of the Easter Vigil at 7.30pm

#### **Easter Sunday - 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass at 11.00am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Father Pat. There will be no Lenten Forgiveness Service this year.

Envelopes are available in church if you wish to remember a departed relative or friend, or mark another dedication, by having a lily included in the floral decorations in church at Easter.

### **PRINCIPAL FEASTS AFTER EASTER**

#### **Saint Mark, Evangelist - 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass at 9.15am

#### **Saint George, Martyr, patron of England - 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass at 9.15am

#### **Saints Philip and James, Apostles - 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Mass at 9.15am

#### **The English Martyrs - 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Mass at 9.15am

#### **Saint Matthias, Apostle - 14<sup>th</sup> May**

Mass at 10.15am

#### **The Ascension of the Lord - 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Mass at 9.15am

## UKRAINE

Thank you to all of you who contributed to the collection taken up at Mass on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, which raised the very generous sum of £393.12. Alongside our support for all the agencies and individuals working to alleviate the humanitarian consequences of the war, we also need pray for an end to the conflict. One way we can do this is to join with Pope Francis' Act of Consecration which took place on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, the feast of the Annunciation.

*"...Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The "Fiat" that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world..."*

## PARISH MEETING

If you would like a copy of the notes from the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, please contact Fran Butler at [franbutler54@gmail.com](mailto:franbutler54@gmail.com). The next meeting will take place after Mass on Palm Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April. Everyone is welcome to participate.

## ELLESMERE CHURCHES TRAIL

As an alternative to the Christian Unity service in January, it was decided to have an open day involving all the churches in Ellesmere. This will take place on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, between 10.00am and 2.00pm. You will have the opportunity to look around, pray, talk to other churchgoers and enjoy refreshments. If you would like to contribute to our own participation before and on the day, please speak to Father Pat or Fran Butler.

## SUMMER FAIR

We hope you are all looking forward to the return of this big event on 12<sup>th</sup> June. To get things going, tickets for the Summer Draw will be available after Easter. If anyone would like to donate any items suitable for prizes, we would be very grateful. They can be left in Church with a note or given directly to Sister Ann Joseph.

## 200 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners in the March Draw:

£30	Steven Webb-75	£10	Frank Dwyer-85
£5	Colleen Cruise-Taylor-90	£5	Irene Watkinson-101

## IN MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers the souls of Sheila Connor and Brian Patrick Deveraux, who have both died recently, along with all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please pray also for their families and friends who mourn them.

*"Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they and all our departed relatives and friends rest in peace"*

Recent advice from Dame Jenny Harries, Chief Executive of the UK Health Security Agency:

*"Covid still poses a real risk to many of us, particularly with case rates and hospitalisations on the rise. That is why it is sensible to wear a mask in enclosed spaces, keep indoor spaces ventilated and stay away from others if you have any symptoms of a respiratory illness, including Covid"*

*We will keep you updated with news and events by email as necessary.*

*If you wish to be included on the circulation list or have any items for the newsletter, please contact Alan Hodgson at [guineawig@aol.com](mailto:guineawig@aol.com).*