

# 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 2024

### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES**

#### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord – 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Vigil Mass and Blessing of Palms: 5.30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Our Lady's in Wem  
Mass and Blessing of Palms: 9.30am at Our Lady's and 11.00am at Saint Michael's

#### **Holy (Maundy) Thursday – 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.00pm at Our Lady's and 8.15pm at Saint Michael's

#### **Good Friday – 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Celebration of the Lords Passion: 3.00 pm at Our Lady's and 5.00pm at Saint Michael's  
*(A day of fasting and abstinence)*

#### **Holy Saturday – 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Easter Vigil and the First Mass of Easter: 5.30pm at Our Lady's and 7.30pm at Saint Michael's

#### **Easter Sunday – 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Mass at 9.30 am at Our Lady's and 11.00am at Saint Michael's

#### **Easter Monday – 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Mass at 10.00am

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Father Pat.*

Please note that British Summer Time starts in the early hours of Easter Sunday. Remember to move your clocks forward. We will all have to be awake an hour earlier that morning to greet the Risen Lord.

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. The Easter flower arranging will take place on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, Holy Saturday, at 10.00am.

The parish church of Saint Michael's along with the parish hall form part of the convent of Our Lady and Saint Joseph which is owned and maintained by the Poor Clare Colettines.

Any support you can give to the Sisters in sustaining a place of prayer and worship here in Ellesmere would be most welcome. Please make any donations to the Friends of the Convent using the envelopes available in church so that Gift Aid can be claimed on behalf of the Sisters.

Thank you.

## **PRINCIPAL FEASTS AFTER EASTER**

**Second Sunday of Easter, Devine Mercy Sunday – 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass at 11.00am

**The Annunciation of the Lord – 8<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass at 9.15am

**Saint George, Martyr, patron of England – 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Mass at 9.15am

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

Mass at 9.15am

**Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, patron of Europe – 29<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 10.15am

**The Ascension of the Lord – 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Mass at 9.15am in Saint Michael's and 10.30am in Our Lady's

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

Mass at 9.15am

## **PASTORAL VISITATION**

Bishop Mark will be undertaking his formal visitation to Saint Michael's in Ellesmere and Our Lady's in Wem on the weekend of Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May. In addition to inspecting the parish records, he will be officiating at each of the masses in both churches over that weekend. Please come along and make the most of the opportunity to speak to him after each of the masses.

## **PARISH SOCIAL MEETING**

You will have noticed that the title of our regular meetings has changed. This is to avoid confusion with the new group which has been set up to support Father Pat in managing the parish finances and assets, and ensuring we meet our various legal obligations. Given our close relationship with the convent, this extends to looking at ways in which we may be able to provide any support the Sisters might need in continuing to make the parish facilities available for the use of the parish community.

Our next regular social meeting of will take place after Mass on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April. Please come along, everyone is welcome to participate. Even if you are not able to attend but would like a copy of the notes from the meetings, please contact us at [st.michaelsellesmere@gmail.com](mailto:st.michaelsellesmere@gmail.com)

## **SUMMER FAIR**

We hope you are all looking forward to the big event on 9<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets for the annual Summer Draw, which will take place at the fair, 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.

## **IN MEMORY**

Please remember in your prayers the souls of Jeanette Law and Jean Dwyer, who have died recently, together 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."*

*If have any items for the newsletter, please contact Alan Hodgson at [guineawig@aol.com](mailto:guineawig@aol.com).*