

# 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

## HARVEST 2022

As well as being the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 1<sup>st</sup> September also marks the beginning of the Season of Creation. This lasts until 4<sup>th</sup> October, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. At a recent Audience, Pope Francis prayed that this year's theme "*Listen to the voice of creation*" may foster in everyone "*a concrete commitment to care for our common home.*"

Later in the month we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival, providing us with an opportunity to reflect on this call from the Holy Father and to see how we can share the fruits of the harvest as well as giving thanks. We will be discussing the arrangements for the Festival at our regular parish meeting, which returns after the summer recess on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. As usual, you are all welcome to come along to the meeting and add your ideas to the mix.



### RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE

The Relics are touring the country during September and October and will be visiting the Shrewsbury Diocese on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September. They will be arriving at Shrewsbury Cathedral at 1.00pm on 13<sup>th</sup> September and leaving for Saint Werburgh's in Chester at 9.00am the following day, visiting the Cathedral in Wrexham in the evening. You will be able to spend time to pray in the presence of the Relics at Shrewsbury Cathedral from 2.30pm until 10.00pm on Tuesday and between 7.30am and 9.00am on Wednesday. If you wish to do so you will need to register for a time slot. To do this, or to visit any of the other locations on the tour, please go to the Tour website at [St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022](#) (tip: scrolling down through the registration calendar is easier than locating the right pins on the location map)

## PRINCIPAL FEASTS

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Mass at 9.15am

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Mass at 9.15am

**Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist – 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Mass at 9.15am

**Saints Michael, Patron of the Parish, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels – 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Mass at 9.15am

**Saint Luke, Evangelist – 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Mass at 9.15am

**Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles – 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Mass at 9.15am

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that classes for those children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion for the first time next year will be starting soon. If you would like your children to take part, please speak to Father Pat or Miriam Butler.

## IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the souls of Canice Lawrence, Tess McKean and Father Gregory Downing, who have all died recently. Father Downing was a regular visitor to Saint Michael's, leading the Forgiveness Services during Advent and Lent over several years. Please pray also for all those whose anniversaries take place at this time of year, along with the families and friends of all who have died.

*“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”*

## 200 CLUB

Congratulations to the recent winners, who are:

July Draw:

£30 Mrs M Mirek-79

£10 Trish Bevan-4

£5 Mike Teager-119

£5 John McLoughlin-108

August Draw:

£30 Margaret Maddocks-92

£10 Phillippa Elms-89

£5 Martin Shill-98

£5 Jenny Wright-43

*“For many of you, September is the time for your 200 Club renewal. I do hope that you will be able to renew again this year and I thank you for your continued support. Once again I have been able to give the Convent over £1100 from your generosity and I know that the Sisters appreciate this. If you are not a member and would like to join, just contact Father Pat or myself.*

*Jenny Wright, 07582 392665 or email: [jennydiannew15@gmail.com](mailto:jennydiannew15@gmail.com)”*

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