

# SAINT MICHAEL'S TIMES

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

Mereside, Ellesmere, SY12 0PA

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### **Weekly Mass Times**

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

## HARVEST 2025

At the end of September there will be two opportunities for us to celebrate and share the harvest with others.

Although the day set aside in the Diocesan calendar as a Day of Special Prayer for the Harvest is Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, the date on which we will hold our own celebrations will be decided at the next Parish Meeting. This will take place after Mass on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September. We will also be considering which organisations will share your gifts of food and produce following the Harvest celebration Mass. You are all welcome to attend the Parish Meeting and put forward your ideas on how we should proceed. Whether you attend the meeting or not, we will let you know what has been decided.

On Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, there is a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World. This is also the day when CAFOD is holding its Harvest Family Fast Day. This year, the theme of the day is "Life-saving Water in a Changing Climate". If you wish to participate and share with those looking for sustainable and lasting solutions to the challenges of poverty and climate change across the globe, a variety of means of doing so can be found on the CAFOD website at <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parishes/support-harvest-family-fast-day-in-your-parish>

Other Days of Special Prayer over the coming weeks are:

1 <sup>st</sup> September	World Day of Special Prayer for the Care of Creation
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Day of Special Prayer for Education
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Day of Special Prayer for World Missions

### **BAPTISM**

We are pleased to welcome Lucy Jarvis into the family of the Church and the parish through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please remember Lucy and her family in your prayers.

*"May the light of God's grace shine on them all the days of their lives."*

### **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

A coffee morning in aid of the charity will take place at 10.00am on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September in Our Lady's in Wem. Please give them your support. Any donations of cakes and other items would be very welcome.

## **PRINCIPAL FEASTS**

**Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church – 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Mass at 9.15am**

**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 11.00am**

**Our Lady of Wasingham – 24<sup>th</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 John Henry Newman, Priest – 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**Mass at 9.15am**

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

**Mass at 10.15am**

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

**Mass at 9.15am**

## **FAMILY FUN DAY**

We hope you enjoyed the Fun Day events and the singing at Mass beforehand. Many thanks to Couples for Christ for organising the day and their participation in the Mass. The Fun Day raised the incredible total of £8,315 for the Sisters, who are very grateful for the continued support of both yourselves and those organisations and individuals visiting the convent.

## **LOOKING AHEAD....**

It may seem a long way off but time can pass very quickly! Looking ahead to November, the Christmas Fayre at Our Lady's in Wem will be held on Saturday, 15th November. Although the stalls have yet to be finalised, donations for the Raffle, Christmas Gift stall, Baked Goods, etc will be much appreciated. Thank you.

## **200 CLUB**

Congratulations to the winners in August:

£30 Nigel Fairclough-9

£10 Ron Jones-128

£5 Frank Dwyer-141

£5 Mrs J Bruncker-26

We have come to the time of year when members of the club need to renew their subscription. Please do so as soon as you can. If you wish to join the club, Father Pat and Jenny Wright in Wem are happy to provide you with further information and collect your subscription.

Although the church where our parish community and the Sisters of the Poor Clare Colettines meet each day to celebrate Mass is commonly referred to as Saint Michael's, its formal title is the Convent Chapel of Our Lady and Saint Joseph. Along with the parish hall, it forms part of the Convent of Our Lady and Saint Joseph, all of which is owned and maintained by the Sisters. Any support you can give to them 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 either the envelopes available in church or by bank transfer so that Gift Aid can be claimed.

**Please note that all formal correspondence for the Sisters should be addressed to:**

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