

SAINT MICHAEL'S TIMES

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

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Weekly Mass Times

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

HARVEST 2026

PRINCIPAL FEASTS

Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist - 21st September

Mass at 9.15am

Our Lady of Walsingham - 24th September

Mass at 9.15am

Saints Michael, Patron of the Parish, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels - 29th September

Mass at 9.15am

Saint John Henry Newman, Priest - 9th October

Mass at 9.15am

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles - 28th October

Mass at 9.15am

A LOT GOING ON!

It has been a busy summer for the Sisters.

Over the summer, the parish hall was painted and the lighting renewed. Renato and his colleagues have repaired the fence from the canal to the back gate to the convent. They also constructed the waterfall and painted the adjacent statue. In addition, the carpet in the church has been cleaned. August saw a special celebration on the feast of Saint Clare, when we were all invited for lunch in the parish hall. At the end of the month, the Family Fun Day took place, raising £5,674 for the Sisters. We hope everyone enjoyed both events.

September has already seen the installation a new sound system in Church, although we do need a number of people who can help manage the system. If you are interested or have any comments on the new system, please speak to Father Pat.

Well done and thank you, to everyone involved for your support for the Sisters and the parish. 😊

MARRIAGES

It's also been a busy time for Father Pat, officiating at three weddings. Congratulations to each of the happy couples, who are: Liam Ward and Catherine Shields, Mateo Pacure and Nilda Palce, and Luis Birong and Gerlie Pasinos. Please remember the couples in your prayers.

We wish each of the couples a long and happy life together.

BAPTISM

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

"May the light of God's grace shine on her all the days of her life."

AND A LOT TO LOOK FORWARD TO!

During Mass on Sunday, 27th September, we will be reflecting on the feast of Saint Micheal, patron of the parish, which takes place two days later, in our bidding prayers.

The following Sunday, 4th October, is the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan Order, to which the Sisters of the Poor Clare Colettines is related. To celebrate the day, the Sisters have invited everyone to lunch in the parish hall after Mass.

Our celebration of the harvest takes place at 11.00am Mass on Sunday, 11th October. This celebration is particularly pertinent given the effects of the drought on all of us, and particularly, those earning a living from agriculture. The children of the parish will contribute to the readings and bidding prayers. Any contributions of food to be placed before the altar would be very welcome. You can leave items at the back of Church or pass them on to Sister Anne Joseph.

HARVEST FAST DAY

Sunday, 27th September is a Day of Special Prayer for the Harvest. This is followed by a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World and CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day on Friday, 2nd October. This reminds us that a changing climate is a worldwide problem. 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. Other Days of Special Prayer over the coming weeks are:

11th October Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents

18th October Day of Special Prayer for World Missions

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

A coffee morning in aid of the charity will take place at 10.00am on Tuesday, 29th September in Our Lady's in Wem. Please give them your support. Any donations of cakes and other items would be very welcome.

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD....

It may seem a long way off but time can pass very quickly! The Christmas Fayre at Our Lady's in Wem will be held on Saturday, 14th November. Although the stalls have yet to be finalised, donations for the Raffle, Christmas Gift stall, Baked Goods, etc, will be much appreciated.

Looking even further ahead, to next summer, could you please provide the names of any potential candidates for First Holy Communion or Confirmation to Father Pat or Fran Butler by the end of November.

200 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners in July:

£30 Maureen Saunders-74

£5 Theresa Heath-50

£10 Ann Greenough-30

£5 Convent-58

And in August:

£30 Marian Bosman-121

£5 Phil Moyse-39

£10 Mary Ross-139

£5 Francine Heath-39

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.

If you have any items for the newsletter, please contact Alan Hodgson