SAINT MICHAEL'S TIMES

The Newsletter of the Parish of St Michael's
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Sunday: 11.00am Monday-Friday: 9.15am Saturday: 10.15am

LATE AUTUMN and ADVENT 2026

FATHER PAT

Hopefully you are all aware that Father Pat is in hospital following a fall. Thankfully, his recovery is progressing well with the help of rest and physiotherapy. However, his path to recovery will be a long one, requiring us all to pray for him and support him in any way we can, but also to ensure that he can be assured that parish life will continue in his absence.

You will have seen from the letter circulated to parishioners that arrangements are in hand to ensure that the three Sunday Masses in the Convent Chapel and Our Lady's are celebrated at the usual times. Unfortunately, the only regular weekday Masses will take place at 5.30pm each Wednesday at the Convent and will be celebrated by Canon Jonathan Mitchell, Area Dean and Vicar Forane for Shropshire. His contact details at other times are:

Email: frjonathan.mitchell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
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PRINCIPAL FEASTS

All Saints – 1st November
Vigil Mass at 17.30pm at Our Lady's
Mass at 11.00am in the Convent Chapel and 9.30am in Our Lady's
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) – 2nd November
Mass at 9.00am at the Convent and at 6.00pm at Our Lady's
Saint Winefride, Virgin, Secondary Patron of the Diocese – 3rd November
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer – 9th November
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – 22nd November
Mass at 11.00am at the Convent
The First Sunday of Advent – 29th November
Mass at 11.00am at the Convent
Second Sunday of Advent – 6th December
Mass at 11.00am at the Convent
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 8th December
Third Sunday of Advent – 13th December
Mass at 11.00am at the Convent
Fourth Sunday of Advent – 20th December
Mass at 11.00am at the Convent

THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November, we are asked to remember and pray for all those who have died. If you wish to have a Mass or prayers offered for any of members of your family or friends, please complete one of the forms available in church and either leave it at the back of church or pass it on to one of the Sisters. These will be placed before the altar throughout the month.

Please pray also for all those who have died recently, along with those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year.

"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"

DAYS OF SPECIAL PRAYER

Remembrance Day on 8th November is a day of special prayer for all the victims of conflicts and war. In remembering their sacrifice and that of their families and communities, it is as important as it has ever been that we also pray for lasting peace and justice around the world.

The annual Day of Special Prayer for Young People, traditionally known as Youth Sunday, takes place on 22nd November. Please remember all the younger members of the parish in your prayers, especially those who are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Your prayers and support are also requested for our efforts to restart the Children's Liturgy for 3-13 yr old children. If you would like your children to join in, or are prepared to help with any of these activities, please contact Fran Butler

Other days of special note over the coming weeks are:

Sunday, 15th November – World Day of Prayer for the Poor

Wednesday, 2nd December – Day of Special Prayer for All Migrants and Refugees

Sunday, 6th December – Bible Sunday

Sunday, 20th December – Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers

PARISH SOCIAL MEETING

Please note that the next meeting will take place after Mass on Sunday, 15th November, to avoid the local Remembrance Day activities on 8th November. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is a lot going on in the parish, so we need as many of you as possible to be involved.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

It's that time of year again! The Christmas Fayre at Our Lady's in Wem will be held on Saturday, 14th November from 10.00am to 12.00noon. You are very welcome to attend. Any donations for the various stalls will be very much appreciated. You can bring these into Saint Michael's or take them directly to Our Lady's. The church will be open on Friday 13th between 2.00pm and 4.00pm for donations, especially freshly prepared foods, to be brought in.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Tickets for the draw will also be available soon. Make sure you get yours! If you wish to donate prizes for the draw, please leave them in church or hand them to one of the Sisters.

200 CLUB

Congratulations to the latest winners:

September Draw:

£30 Pauline Dee-67
£10 Joe Madden-131
£5 J Chatterjee-26
£5 Susan Kevill-86

October Draw:

£30 Sally Anson-36
£10 Cathy Benson-56
£5 J Ankers-165
£5 M Mirek-79

Many thanks to those of you who have renewed your subscriptions for the coming year

If you wish to have anything included in the newsletter, please contact Alan Hodgson