

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

SUMMER 2024

SEA SUNDAY

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work unrecognised in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday, the day when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea, takes place on 14th July. Along with your prayers, your financial support makes a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

PARISH MEETINGS

The next meeting takes place after Mass on 14th July. Please come along and take part. This is the last meeting before we have the break for the summer holiday period.

SUMMER FAIR

Congratulations to everyone who won prizes at the Fair and a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the preparations and supported the activities on the day. Thanks to your efforts the event raised £5,219, for which the Sisters are very grateful.

FAMILY FUN DAY

This is another opportunity for a day out at the Convent, taking place on the afternoon of Sunday, 25th August. The day is being organised and supported by "Couples for Christ", an international organisation with regional groups across England, which works for Christian family renewal.

IN MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers the souls of Ann Riley, who has died recently, and of all those whose anniversaries take place at this time of year. Also, 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"

A warm welcome to all of you who are visiting the area over the summer. More information about the parish can be found on our website at [St. Michaels, Ellesmere \(stmichaels-ellesmere.org\)](http://St.Michaels,Ellesmere(stmichaels-ellesmere.org)) and about the community of the Poor Clare Colettines in Ellesmere at [Poor Clare Colettines -- Ellesmere, UK \(tripod.com\)](http://Poor Clare Colettines -- Ellesmere, UK (tripod.com))

PRINCIPAL FEASTS

Saint Thomas, Apostle – 3rd July

Mass at 9.15am

Saint Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe – 11th July

Mass at 9.15am

Saint Mary Magdalene, Disciple of the Lord – 22nd July

Mass at 9.15am

Saint Bridget, Patron of Europe – 23rd July

Mass at 9.15am

Saint James, Apostle – 25th July

Mass at 9.15am

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 26th July

Mass at 9.15am

The Transfiguration of the Lord – 6th August

Mass at 9.15am

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr and Patron of Europe – 9th August

Mass at 9.15am

Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr – 10th August

Mass at 9.15am

Saint Clare, Virgin, Founder of the Poor Clares – 11th August

Mass at 11.00am

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 15th August

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

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle – 24th August

Mass at 10.15am

Please note that Mass on the Bank Holiday, 26th August, will take place at 10.00am.

200 CLUB

We are pleased to be able to report the draw winners over recent months, who were:

March:

£30 Pat Edwards-21

£10 Cath Broad-151

£5 Mrs L Phillips-68

£5 Francene Heath-39

April:

£30 Sean Bermingham-100

£10 Anne Cooke-53

£5 Pauline Dexter-96

£5 Irene Watkinson-80

May:

£30 Christine Horton-156

£10 Felicity Kavanagh-118

£5 Ron Jones-126

£5 Pauline Ball-87

June:

£30 Andrea Heath-69

£10 Peter Turner-125

£5 Pauline Ball-87

£5 M McKenna-114

Congratulations to all of them.

The parish church of Saint Michael's and the parish hall form part of the monastery of Our Lady and Saint Joseph, which is owned and maintained by the Poor Clares 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.

If you have any items for the newsletter, please contact Alan Hodgson at guineawig@aol.com.