

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

SUMMER 2026

SEA SUNDAY

As recent events in the Middle East have highlighted, seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea.

Your support will make 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.

Other Days of Special Prayer over the summer are:

11th July and 23rd July – Days of Special Prayer for Europe (these coincide with the feasts of Saint Benedict and Saint Bridget, Patrons of Europe)

1st September – World Day of Special Prayer for the Care of Creation.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Seven children from the parish will be receiving their First Holy Communion at a Mass which will take place at 2.30pm on Saturday, 18th July. Please remember in your prayers, Dylan, Farah, Rafa, Raiko, Molly, Finnlay & Joeb, their families and all those who have been involved in the preparations for this big event.

FAMILY FUN DAY

There will be another day out at the Convent, on the afternoon of Sunday, 30th August, to which you are all invited. As usual, the Fun 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 Bob Sayers and Betty Keoghan, who have 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"

PRINCIPAL FEASTS

Saint Thomas, Apostle – 3rd July

Mass at 9.15am

Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe – 11th July

Mass at 10.15am

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

Mass at 9.15am

Saint Bridget, Religious Founder and Patron of Europe – 23rd July

Mass at 9.15am

Saint James, Apostle – 25th July

Mass at 10.15am

The Transfiguration of the Lord – 6th August

Mass at 9.15am

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

Mass at 9.15am

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 16th August

Mass at 11.00am in Saint Michael's and 9.30am in Our Lady's

Vigil Mass at 5.30pm on 15th August in Our Lady's

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle – 24th August

Mass at 9.15am

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church – 3rd September

Mass on that day, along with all those taking place on the weekdays including and following the Bank Holiday, will take place at 10.00am

PARISH MEETINGS

Please remember that this month's meeting after Mass on 12th July, is the last before we have the break for the summer holiday period. The following meeting will take place after Mass on Sunday, 13th September.

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 £6,351, for which the Sisters are very grateful.

200 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners in May:

£30 Irene Watkinson-80

£5 J Chatterjee-26

£10 Gerry Bagnall-84

£5 L Hudson-106

And in June:

£30 John R Edwards-57

£5 Mr J Ankers-165

£10 Mr Hudson-13

£5 Felicity Kavanagh-118

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))

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