

# SAINT MICHAEL'S TIMES

**The Newsletter of the Parish of St Michael's  
and the Convent of the Poor Clare Colettines,**  
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**Weekly Mass Times**  
Sunday: 11.00am Monday-Friday: 9.15am Saturday: 10.15am

## EASTER 2026

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

#### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord – 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Vigil Mass and Blessing of Palms: 5.30pm on 28<sup>th</sup> March at Our Lady's in Wem  
Mass and Blessing of Palms: 9.30am at Our Lady's and 11.00am at the Convent

#### **Holy (Maundy) Thursday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.00pm at Our Lady's and 8.15pm at the Convent

#### **Good Friday – 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Celebration of the Lords Passion: 3.00 pm at Our Lady's and 5.00pm at the Convent  
(A day of Fasting and Abstinence)

#### **Holy Saturday – 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Vigil and the First Mass of Easter: 5.30pm at Our Lady's and 7.30pm at the Convent

#### **Easter Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass at 9.30 am at Our Lady's and 11.00am at the Convent

Please note that from Easter Monday until the following Friday, Mass at the Convent will be celebrated at 10.00am each day rather than the usual time of 9.15am.

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Father Pat.*

There will be a collection on Good Friday to support the upkeep of the Holy Places

### EASTER LILIES

Traditionally we have included lilies in the floral decoration of the church at Eastertime as a way of remembering a departed relative or friend, marking another dedication or simply adding to the joy of the season. If you wish to participate, envelopes are available in church for your contribution. The Easter flower arranging will take place on, Holy Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, at 10.00am.

### FIRST SACRAMENTS AND CONFIRMATION

Arrangements are well in hand for the preparation of children from the parish, year 3 and above, who would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time and the Sacrament of Confirmation for young people in year 10 and above. So far, we have four children in the first group and one in the second. Any further candidates should inform Father Pat of their wish to participate at the earliest opportunity. Confirmation will take place at The Cathedral in Shrewsbury on Pentecost Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May.

## **PRINCIPAL FEASTS AFTER EASTER**

**Saint George, Martyr, patron of England – 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Mass at 9.15am

**Saint Mark, Evangelist – 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass at 10.15am

**Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, patron of Europe – 29<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass at 9.15am

**The English Martyrs – 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Mass at 9.15am

**The Ascension of the Lord – 14<sup>th</sup> May**

Mass at 9.15am at the Convent and 10.30am in Our Lady's

( A Holy Day of Obligation)

**The Dedication of the Cathedral – 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Mass at 9.15am

## **SPECIAL DAYS OF PRAYER**

Divine Mercy Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup> April

Day of Special Prayer Throughout the World for Vocations – 26<sup>th</sup> April

Day of Special Prayer for Europe – 29<sup>th</sup> April

Day of Special Prayer for Human Work – 1<sup>st</sup> May

Day of Special Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse – 5<sup>th</sup> May

Day of Special Prayer for World Communications – 17<sup>th</sup> May

## **PARISH MEETINGS**

The next parish meeting will take place after Mass on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April. If you received the notes of the last meeting, you will have seen that a wide range of issues were discussed. Among these was a proposed change to the Easter services to ease Father Pat's workload. This would mean that, from next year, the Easter Vigil Mass will only be held in Our Lady's in Wem. As this year's service in Ellesmere could be the last for the foreseeable future, please come along. It is quite an interesting and different experience from the normal Sunday Mass. If you would like to receive a copy of the notes of the meetings please let us know at [st.michaelsellesmere@gmail.com](mailto:st.michaelsellesmere@gmail.com). Even better, please come along to the meetings and let us know your views in person.

## **SUMMER FAIR**

We hope you are all preparing for the big event at the convent on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets for the Summer Draw, which will take place at the Fair, will be available after Easter. If you would like to donate any items suitable for prizes, we would be very grateful. They can be left in Church with a note or given directly to Sister Ann Joseph.

## **200 CLUB**

Congratulations to the winners in the February Draw:

£30 Richard Benson-93

£10 Catherine Evans-71

£5 Joseph Madden-131

£5 Nicholas John-25

*As you know, we move to British Summer Time in the early hours of Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March.*

*Please remember to move your timepieces forward one hour!*

*The times of services are unaffected*

*If you have any items you would like to include in the newsletter, please contact Alan Hodgson at [guineawig@aol.com](mailto:guineawig@aol.com)*