

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

LATE AUTUMN and ADVENT 2025

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 pass it on to Father Pat. These will be placed before the altar throughout the month.

Please pray also for Ann Watson and 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 9th 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 23rd November. Please remember all the younger members of the parish in your prayers.

Other days of special note over the coming weeks are:

Sunday, 16th November – World Day of Prayer for the Poor

Wednesday, 3rd November – Day of Special Prayer for All Migrants and Refugees

Sunday, 7th December – Bible Sunday

Sunday, 21st December – Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre at Our Lady's in Wem will be held on Saturday, 15th 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 14th between 2.00pm and 4.00pm for donations, especially freshly prepared foods, to be brought in.

PRINCIPAL FEASTS

All Saints – 2nd November

1st November - Vigil Mass 17.30pm in Our Lady's in Wem

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

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) – 3rd November

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

Saint Winefride, Virgin, Secondary Patron of the Diocese – 4th November

Mass at 9.15am

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer – 9th November

Mass at 11.00am

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – 24th November

Mass at 11.00am

The First Sunday of Advent – 30th November

Mass at 11.00am

Second Sunday of Advent – 7th December

Mass at 11.00am

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 8th December

Mass at 9.15am

Third Sunday of Advent – 14th December

Mass at 11.00am

Fourth Sunday of Advent – 21st December

Mass at 11.00am

PARISH SOCIAL MEETING

Please note that the next meeting will take place after Mass on Sunday, 16th November, to avoid the local Remembrance Day activities on 9th November. Everyone is welcome.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations to Jakub Matusiak and Dominika Szenfeld, who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in the Convent Chapel during September. We wish them every happiness and pray that they will enjoy many years together.

200 CLUB

Congratulations to the latest winners:

September Draw:

£30 Mrs M Mirek-79

£10 Tricia Blyth-133

£5 Nicholas John-25

£5 Irene Watkinson-80

October Draw:

£30 Deidre Moyse-111

£10 John R Edwards-57

£5 Joseph Madden-131

£5 Philip Moyse-150

Many thanks to those of you who have renewed your subscriptions for the coming year. If you haven't done so or wish to join the Club, Father Pat or Jenny Wright will be pleased to assist you.

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

The church serving the parish of Saint Michael's is part of the Convent of Our Lady and Saint Joseph, which is owned and maintained by the Poor Clare 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.