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Sunday 29th September 2024 Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)



*Holy Michael the Archangel,
defends us in this day of battle!*

Sword of St Michael across Europe

New Lectionary - Advent 2024

This Advent will see a change in the readings we listen to at Mass. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter, instead of the Jerusalem Bible translation we currently use. This change reflects the desire to get the most accurate translation into English from the original Hebrew and Greek. The readings will stay the same but there will be changes in certain words and phrases, however it is important to note that the readings remain the Word of God in the sacred scriptures.

This process of revising the texts we use in Mass to more closely follow their original language began at Vatican II. The last such revision was in 2011 when the Third Edition of the Roman Missal was published. As such we will need to buy a new Lectionary, the four books which contain the readings for Sundays, weekdays and feast days, and a Book of the Gospels.

If anyone would like to make a donation towards the new Lectionary as a dedication for someone we will include their name in the Lectionary when they arrive.

First Holy Communion

If you have a child in Year 4 or above in a school other than Our Lady's and would like them to make their First Holy Communion they are very welcome to join the parish's "With You Always Sacramental Programme". Please see Fr Dominic for more information.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage

Applications for The Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes open on 7th October for young people aged 15 to 22. Cost is £710 with fundraising and support available. This is an incredible opportunity for young people to put their faith into action, to experience the spiritual and social sides of being on pilgrimage, and to respond to Our Lady's invitation to come to Lourdes in a unique way. Knowsley Coach 2 is the group taking young people to Lourdes from our local area. For more information email coach2@animateyouth.net or search on social media. Apply at: liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk. Places are limited so please apply soon!

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Harvest Collection

Family Fast Day is on Friday 4th October. Join together with your parish, friends and family so that families around the world can have access to the medical care they need to survive in increasingly challenging circumstances. By sharing a simple meal and giving what you save, you'll be standing in solidarity with vulnerable people who are threatened by disease and poverty, displaced from their homes and communities by the climate crisis. To donate to this year's appeal you can use the envelopes at the back of church or give online at cafod.org.uk

Sword of St Michael

The 'Sword of St. Michael' (also known as St Michael's Line) is an invisible line linking seven monasteries, all dedicated to Saint Michael the Archangel, stretching from Ireland to Israel, crossing through England, France, Italy and Greece. Most of these shrines got their names due to reported apparitions of Saint Michael at their respective locations. Devotion to Saint Michael the Archangel has centuries of history. In particular, the holy Archangel is remembered to be the warrior of God, defeating sin and wielding the sword of divine justice. Often St Michael is represented with a sword or a spear in hand, intent on destroying the dragon, a symbol of the Devil. Together with the Archangels Gabriel and Raphael, he is remembered on 29 September.

October - Month of the Holy Rosary

Each year the month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. The Rosary is appealing and simple. The purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Every time we pray the Our Father we are reminded that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. Praying the Hail Mary reminds us that we are joining with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. In addition, they help to make us aware that Mary was and is still intimately joined with her son, Jesus, in all the mysteries of earthly and heavenly existence. The constant repetition of prayer creates an atmosphere of contemplation.

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid £176 Loose £264. Thank you!

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 28th	6.00 pm	Chris Town
Sunday 29nd	11.00 am	Dennis Joseph O'Brien
Monday 30th	No Mass	
Wednesday 2nd	No Mass	
Friday 4th	No Mass	
Saturday 5th	No Mass	
	6.00 pm	Beryl Hitchen
Sunday 6th	11.00 am	Stephen Weir

Please remember the members of our parish who are sick and those who have asked for our prayers:

Derek McEgan, Sandra Johnson, Tony Duncan, Helen Clarke, Anita Potts, Steve Potts, Kerry Scott, Anna Pemberton, David Gerrard, Mary Davis

If you would like us to pray for someone who is sick, who has recently died or whose anniversary is coming up please contact the parish office.

