

The Parish Family of St. Gabriel & Corpus Christi

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

Education Day

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10th September 2017



Times of Liturgy		Mass Intention	Feast
Saturday	St Gabriel's	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Corpus Christi	9.30am	Andrew Lavery (anniv)
	St Gabriel's	11.00am	Steven Connorton and friends RIP (25 th anniversary)
Monday	Mass	9.00am	Tommy O'Brien (anniv)
	Funeral Service	1.00pm	for Michael McCabe RIP
Tuesday	Mass	9.00am	Special Intention
Wednesday	No Mass		Most Holy Name of Mary St John Chrysostom
Thursday	Mass	9.00am	Ann McGuckin (1 st anniv)
Friday	Mass	9.00am	Billy Robinson RD. Our Lady of Sorrows

Other Events and Meetings

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): St Gabriel's, Saturdays **4.45pm – 5.15pm** & on request
Confessions at Corpus Christi: Sundays **9.00am – 9.15am** & on request

Baptisms are by appointment. Parents attend a 4 session preparation. Next course starts this month.
Baptisms take place on the First Sunday of every other month, on completion of the preparation course.

Marriages: 6 months' notice is needed. Contact Canon John.

RCIA meetings: want to know more about the Catholic faith? Meets fortnightly. Resumes in September

Hall Bookings: Contact Paul Croce: (01642) 295112 **The Catholic Women's League:** meets monthly.

Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday. Tel. 01642 319850

Parish SVP every fortnight in the small chapel. Tuesday 5th September 2017, in the small chapel at 7pm.

Church Cleaning: Every Friday after Mass. New volunteers most welcome!

Centering Prayer Group meets 11.30am on 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Resumes September.

New members welcome to all parish groups

WELCOME – especially to anyone visiting from elsewhere. If you are new to the parish, or returning to the parish, please do make yourself known to Canon John.

• **We pray for the Sick and Housebound:** Colin McNally, Bruce Irwin, Danny Mullins, Catherine Donnelly, Irene Norman, Catherine Aspin (Adlington), Ellen Daniels, and all the sick & housebound of our parish, and all who care for them. We remember also those in hospital and awaiting or recovering from operations.

• **We pray for our deceased:** especially Michael McCabe, & all whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray also for all those mourning a loved one.

Mass Intentions received this week:

Tommy O'Brien (anniv). Mary Jones, Jim & Kitty Hasson. Tony Hargan RD. Billy Robinson RD. Louise Croce & Bernard Gray (2). May & Jim Terry RIP. Andrew Lavery RIP. Steven Connorton & friends (25th anniv). Patrick McAndrews RIP. Ann McGuckin (anniv). A Daughter's 50th birthday.

Rest in Peace

Please pay for the repose of the soul of **Michael McCabe** of Priestfields who died last week. Sincere condolences to all Michael's loved ones, especially his twin brother Peter. Michael's funeral service will be at St Gabriel's this Monday at 1pm.

Also please keep in your prayers **Jordan Seddon**, aged just 17, and his family. Jordan was tragically killed on Cargo Fleet Lane last Saturday. Jordan's funeral will probably take place in Corpus Christi church – but to date, we have no details of the time and date of his funeral. Please see the Gazette for details.

Eternal rest grant unto them o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Cream Tea

The next Cream Tea is Tuesday 26th September with a 1pm start.

Parish Pastoral Council

will take place on **Wednesday 27th September** at 7pm to finish by 9pm. We will review the initiatives we put into place for 2017 and look to learn from them and build on what has been successful. We will make plans for what we might do as a parish family to mark the beginning of the Church's new year which begins in Advent (3rd December). As last time, if we need to, we might have a second follow up meeting. We do have a large group of parishioners who are members of the parish council, but if any more parishioners wish to attend (and become involved!) please feel welcome.

Baptism Preparation Programme

Will begin on **19th September at 6pm** in the small chapel. Please pick up a form after Mass and return to Fr John before that first meeting.

Please note that baptisms in our 2 parishes now take place on the first Sunday of the month, every second month. A list of baptismal dates for the coming 12 months will be provided at the first session

RCIA

The next session of these informal meetings (roughly once a fortnight) for anyone who is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith will be on Tuesday 26th September at 7pm. All welcome.

MODERN SLAVERY SURVEY 2017

In 2016, Pope Francis called Modern Slavery a 'true crime against humanity' and urged the Catholic Church to assist in the fight to eliminate it. The eradication of Modern Slavery was included in the United Nations Sustainable Development goals in 2015.

If you feel you have something to contribute, the Santa Marta Group (an organisation in which Church and Law Enforcement agencies across the world collaborate to fight modern slavery) invites you to complete a short online survey to help identify vulnerable communities – who they are, where they are, what they need, and what you need to support them effectively.

To access the survey online, please go to the link below and input the password: Bakhita

<https://stmarys.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/informational-survey-2017-modern-slavery>

Home Mission Sunday

... is next Sunday, when we focus our thoughts and prayers on the way we as the Catholic Church in England and Wales bear witness to the gospel in our own country. There will be a second collection for Home Mission Sunday next weekend.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme – 29th September

The first meeting – which is an information evening – is on Thursday 28th at 6pm in the small hall. An invitation letter is being sent out to parents through both our schools.

Children need to be in Year 4 or above and be baptised Catholics. Parents should understand that they are committing to bringing their child to attend Mass each weekend, as well as the preparation sessions.

It is really important that parents attend this information evening as you will need to complete the registration forms as well as the legally required diocesan Safeguarding forms and parental consent forms.

If a parent cannot attend this evening, they will need to contact Fr John in advance to make an appointment to come and complete the necessary forms and receive the information packs.

Today is Education Day

when we pray especially for all the great work that goes on in our Catholic primary and secondary schools, as well as our remaining colleges of higher education. But education is not only a matter of sending your child to school, it is also a *family matter*. Much success of any child or young person depends upon the interest, support, encouragement and sharing on the part of parents. This is true at all stages– even if and when your child children "outgrow" your knowledge. This is especially true of the education of children in the way of faith. Parents are the "first teachers" in the ways of faith and we pray today that they may be the "best of teachers", as we say in the baptism service. Ultimately, it is within the family that faith is taught (or perhaps better: caught). So we pray today that our families and homes may be true places of learning – where children learn the things of God, the things which last not just for a lifetime, but for all eternity.

40 HOURS ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament at St Andrew's Church 14th – 17th September. See poster for times.

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