

NEWSLETTER

**SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

Love, The Keynote of life

Inner agreement with God belongs to the happy life. Only if the foundational relationship is right can all the other relationships be right. For that reason it is important throughout ones life and from ones youth onwards to learn and to practice thinking with God, feeling with God, willing with God, so that love may grow from this and become the keynote of our life. If that is the case, love of neighbour becomes self-evident. For if the keynote of my life is love, then as far as concerns those whom God has placed on my way. I can once again only live on the basis of this assent, this trust, this agreement, and this love.

To describe love of neighbour Scripture uses a very wise and profound phrase: *Love your neighbour as yourself*. It does not demand any fantastic and unreal heroism...No, it is on yourself...People who are dissatisfied with themselves will not be really good to others. Those who do not accept themselves take exception to others. True love is fair: *where it is leading us is to love oneself as one of the members of Christ's body*. Oneself like the other-becoming free of that false perspective with which we are all born as if the world revolves around me and my ego. Through faith we must all learn a kind of Copernican revolution. Copernicus discovered that it was not the sun that went around the earth but that this earth along with the other planets revolved around the sun. We all begin by seeing ourselves as a tiny earth around which all the suns must turn. Faith teaches us to leave this error and to believe like brothers and sisters, joining together with all the others in the round dance of love around the one centre that is God. Only if God exists, only if he becomes the centre of my life, is this *love my neighbour as myself* possible. But if he exists, if he becomes my centre, then it is also possible to reach this inward freedom of love.

Pope Benedict XVI

MASS INTENTIONS

May 4th, 2024

6pm - Lavanya Vedatham
RIP & Family

May 5th, 2024

9am— Pro Populo
11 am - Ints of Newly Confirmed

THE ASCENSION

May 9th, 2024

9.15 am - Ints of
Mgr Jim Curry

Friday - 10th May

9.15 am - Ints of Fr Christopher

Confession on Saturday between
5.15-5.45 pm
or by appointment.

*At present there is only one
weekly mass
on Friday morning.*

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD- HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Next Thursday, 9 May - mass at 9.15 am only

Mission Appeal

Dear Friends, We will welcome Fr. Pat O' Beirne of Columban Missionaries, who would be making

a Mission Appeal on 11th & 12th May 2024

Fr. Pat will be Celebrating all Masses, and there will be a Second Collection for the Mission.

**FIRST COMMUNION
MASS**

*Saturday, 18 May
At 10.30 am*

**A Prayer after
Communion**

Grant O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things. We may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings for this
& next Sunday

1st Reading— Acts 10;25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Psalm 97; 1-4, Response cf v 2
2nd Reading - 1 John 4;7-10

John 15; 9-17

1st Reading— Acts 1;15-17, 20-26
Psalm 102: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20
Response v19
2nd Reading - John 4: 11-16

Gospel – John 17;11-19

On the preaching of the apostles

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed what he was, what he had been, how he was fulfilling the will of the Father, what he was laying down as man's duty, either openly to the people or privately to the disciples, twelve of whom he had specially attached to his person and destined to be the teachers of the nations.

One of them was struck off. The remaining eleven, on his return to his Father after the resurrection, he ordered to go and teach the nations, baptizing them into the Father and into the Son and into the Holy Spirit.

At once, therefore, the apostles, whose name means sent) cast lots and added a twelfth, Matthias, in the place of Judas, on the authority of the prophecy in the psalm of David; and having obtained the promised power of the Holy Spirit to work miracles and to speak boldly, they set out through Judea first, bearing the witness to their faith in Jesus Christ and founding churches, and then out into world, proclaiming the same doctrine of the same faith to the nations.

Again they set up churches in every city, from which the other churches afterwards received the shoots of the faith and the seeds of doctrine and continue to receive them every day, in order to become churches. By this they are themselves reckoned apostolic as being the offering of apostolic churches.

Things of every kind must be classed according to their origin. These churches, then, numerous as they are, are identical with one primitive apostolic Church from which they all come. All are primitive and all apostolic, provided that all are one. Their common unity is proved by fellowship in communion, by the name of brother and the mutual pledge of hospitality-rights, which are governed by no other principle than the single tradition of a common creed.

When the apostles preached (that is, what Christ revealed to them) must be verified only through the identical churches which the apostles themselves established by preaching to them both *viva voce, as we say, and afterwards by letters*. On one occasion, it is true, the Lord did say: 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now'; but by adding, 'when he, the Spiritual truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth', he showed that they would receive the whole truth through the Spirit of truth. That promise he certainly fulfilled, for the Acts of the Apostles proves the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Tertullian

Our Church

Dear Friends, After a few years of pause in spending money on our premises, the Finance Committee with myself, feel that it is time to address some issues. First, we have started with lights exchange in Sanctuary as they have started to fall off due to their age. We have also replaced majority of bulbs in the church and the hall. Secondly, after 24 years of use, we want to refresh our kitchen and toilets. The kitchen has its new image already and you can see it while having your tea or coffee.

As usual, I would like to ask you for specific donations towards our works as if we got money into this category, all your donations will stay with the parish, while when the money goes into general donations - we have to pay 30% of the total to the Diocese. If you are a Gift Aider, you can gift aid the donation and it will add an extra value.

Donation envelopes are available on the table in the lobby. You can also choose to donate on our digital plate or by bank transfer but doing it - do not forget to add; donation for electrical works or for decoration.

It all will come with a cost of eleven thousand pounds. We have collected so far **£3092** towards our works.

Thank you for your support and generosity. Fr Christopher

Annual Parish BBQ

Our annual parish BBQ, will be on **9th June 24**, after the 11am Mass. Tickets and other information to follow nearer the time. Please put this date in your diary.

Also, we are looking for volunteers to tidy the garden and yard in preparation for the BBQ on the Saturday **11 May from 10 am to 2pm**. If you are able to help, please, turn up on the day for as long as you can. Remember, many hands make light work. Thank you, Fr Christopher



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OPEN EVENING – TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2024

The Open Evening for Secondary Transfer admission to St Michael's, will be held on Tuesday 25th June 2024. Guided tours will be held between 5pm and 7pm. Mr Stimpson, Headteacher, will make a short presentation at 5pm and 7pm in The Sports Hall. You can attend the presentation before or after your tour, however, **all tours must be finished before the 7pm presentation.**

There are 128 places in each year and we are historically heavily oversubscribed. The following criteria will be used when pupils are selected for entry to the School.

Catholic girls :

from a Practising Catholic family

who have made their First Holy Communion in the Catholic Church

Girls who are registered as Pupil Premium with their primary school and are ranked amongst the top 200 places in the entrance test will be given priority for a maximum of 32 places, as long as they have met the Catholicity criteria and confirmation of their status has been provided by the application deadline.

The online application form is now open and can be found on the School's website <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/admissions-2025-26/>. It must be submitted by no later than **4pm on Tuesday 2nd July 2024**. Therefore it is imperative that you arrange to make an appointment with your Parish Priest to have your Certificate of Catholic Practice completed in sufficient time to meet the deadline.

Should you have any questions please email Admissions at

admissions@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place from 19th to 26th July 2024. Join the pilgrimage as a pilgrim. Serve the pilgrimage by coming as a praying assisted pilgrim. Support assisted pilgrims by sponsoring the sick to join the pilgrimage and praying for them. For more information please, go to

<https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or contact the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173

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Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Mrs Diane Winship - Safeguarding Representative

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £347.00 envelopes: £414.00 contactless collection last weekend: £414.00 total: **£1175.00**

Standing orders in **in January- £3286, in February - £2589, in March - £2715,**

Priests Training Fund COLLECTION - 317.75

CHURCH PROJECT (electrical works and refurbishment of the kitchen and toilets) - £3092

As a Charity, we rely on your weekly donations. We will be grateful for your financial support. Your New offertory envelopes will be available at the end of March for collection after Mass or from the parish office. If you wish to have an offertory envelope, then give your details to the parish office, where a new box of envelopes will be made available to you. Alternatively, you could make your donation via bank transfer. The parish account is on our website.

WRCDT CHARITY NO: 233699

Thank you for your Generosity

Evangelisation and Faith

CAFOD Pilgrimage

CAFOD is organising a pilgrimage for young adults aged between 18- 40 from **Friday 12th – Sunday 14th July**, in a special way in this year of prayer and lead up to the year of Jubilee. Reconnecting with their faith through worship, prayer and journeying as a pilgrim together. The pilgrimage will include a two-night residential stay at the Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough, NN9 5UH. On the Saturday we will then be walking from Our Lady Help of Christians & St Lawrence, Olney to The Church of the Holy Child in Bedford, a distance of approximately 13.5 miles.

For more information: [Young Adults Residential Pilgrimage \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://youngadultsresidentialpilgrimage.cafod.org.uk)

Sign-up link: [Young Adults Pilgrimage July 24 - Formstack](http://youngadultspilgrimagejuly24-formstack.cafod.org.uk)

CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. You can also text Text **CAFODSUDAN** to **70450** to donate £10.

Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear more from us, please text **CAFODSUDANNOINFO** instead.

