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May 12th 2024: 7th Sunday of Easter

Masses and intentions for 12th May – 19th May 2024

Sun 12 th May	11.00a.m.	Alain Gouvenayre R.I.P.	Wed 15 th May	6.00p.m.	Bryan Clarke
Fri 17 th May	12.00noon	Anne Stobbs R.I.P.	Sun 19 th May	11.00a.m.	Fr Michael R.I.P.

Our church is open on Thursdays from 10.00a.m. until 12.00noon for visits to the Blessed Sacrament and Private Prayer.

The church office is open from 9.30a.m. until 12.30 p.m. on Thursdays.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

The hall doors are now safe again. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits after Mass today, 12th May. All welcome – do join us if you can.

FATHER MICHAEL'S WINDOW

The lovely memorial to Father Michael is now in place as you can see. We are immensely grateful to Daniel Burke and his team at Lightworks, Clitheroe for their patient and painstaking work over the last year; each piece of glass carefully chosen, hand cut, painted and fired, sometimes several times. Almost four hundred sections make up the window, each beautiful in its own right. You may have a favourite section, the lamb, the draped cross, the face of Jesus, the lilies (Fr Michael's favourite flower) or something else; but every time it is viewed, may we remember with love our own Father Michael, his work, his wisdom, his kindness, his faith and inspiration. As we thank God for him, we pray, may he rest in peace. Amen.

SPECIAL EVENT

As you are aware, 19th May (next Sunday) is the great feast of Pentecost. 11.00 Mass on this day will be celebrated for Father Michael. It will be followed by a complimentary buffet lunch in the hall afterwards. Please put the date in your diary, and join us if you can.

EVENTS IN LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

As the weather improved and we have more daylight to enjoy, you might be interested in some of the events coming up in our Liverpool Archdiocese. If so, use this link to see what's on. [Events - What's on \(liverpoolcatholic.org.uk\)](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

JOB OPPORTUNITY

We are asked to make you aware of this vacancy in case you, or someone you know might be interested in applying. Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy, Whiston is looking to appoint a Lay Chaplain. Details can be found at <https://www.pfcmat.org/Lay-Chaplain/>. Visits to the academy are welcomed. Deadline for applications is Wednesday 15th May at noon.

CHORLEY FOOD BANK

Please keep your donations coming. One day there may be a society where everyone can afford the essentials, and no one needs to use a food bank. Meanwhile, let's keep doing what we can to support cold and hungry people.

RED MISSION BOXES

Alice Helme reports that the recent emptying of red boxes yielded £579. Thanks to everyone, especially Alice for her work.

PARISH GIVING LAST WEEK

The collection, including standing orders, amounted to £609. The charity basket contained £100.60 Thank you everyone.

WORD COMMUNICATION DAY

The special collection will be taken next Sunday as mandated by the archdiocese.

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

Wed 14th May: St Matthias: Saint Matthias, a close disciple of Jesus from the time of his baptism to His Ascension, was the disciple chosen to replace Judas as the twelfth Apostle. Saint Matthias was present with the other Apostles at Pentecost. Aside from this, little is known of the rest of Saint Matthias' life. According to one tradition, he preached for a time in Jerusalem and eventually he was stoned and beheaded. (He is often portrayed holding an axe, the instrument of his death.) Another tradition claims he preached the Gospel to the barbarians and cannibals in the interior of Ethiopia and was crucified. Saint Matthias is the patron of carpenters, tailors, those with smallpox, and in prayers for perseverance and for hope.

Thur 15th May: Our Lady of Fatima: The Blessed Virgin Mary is venerated under this title following a series of apparitions to three shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco in the village of Fatima, Portugal in 1917. The message of Fatima includes a conversion of heart, repentance from sin and a dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially through praying the rosary.

Sat 18th May: St John I: Born in Tuscany, he became Archdeacon of Rome. He was chosen to be pope in spite of his advanced age and poor health and his papacy lasted three years, ended by his death in prison in 526.

Intercessions for 12th May 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: God of love, as we thank you for the countless blessings you shower upon us, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers today.

Reader.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, that all who make up the Body of Christ may be filled with the gifts of the Spirit and make God's presence known everywhere.

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

Like Matthias who became the next twelfth apostle, help us to show willingness in supporting the essential work of others, offering our time and skills in the cause of good.

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

May we love one another as you commanded, Lord, knowing that you live in us with your unfailing love.

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for the sick and the housebound, the broken and the bereaved, that they may be aware of Christ's loving presence with them, and we pray for all who have died, that they may be enjoying eternal rest in the kingdom of God.

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

We join our prayers to those of Mary, whose love knows no bounds, as we say:

Hail Mary.....

Let us pray quietly for a few moments.

Celebrant.

Almighty God for whom everything is possible, hear our prayers today if it be your will. Trusting in your mercy, truth, and power we ask for your blessing on all of us, as we seek to love one another as you have commanded. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen