Masses in June

Sunday 31\textsuperscript{st} May – 11am Mass for Pentecost (The end of the Thy Kingdom Come Novena of Prayer)

Sunday 7\textsuperscript{th} June – 11am Mass for Trinity Sunday

Sunday 14\textsuperscript{th} June – 11am Grenfell 3\textsuperscript{rd} Anniversary Memorial Service
5pm Mass for Corpus Christi and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 21\textsuperscript{st} June – 11am Mass for Sacred Heart Sunday

Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} June – Windrush Day

Sunday 28\textsuperscript{th} June – 11am Mass for the Apostle’s Peter and Paul

Licensing of John Blackburne

John Blackburne will be licensed as our Lay Worker Curate on Wednesday 1\textsuperscript{st} July. He will begin his work with us then be ordained a deacon we pray in September in time for us to celebrate the patronal festival at St Michael's.

Opening of Church

As you will know the situation of ending lockdown is a complicated one. It may be that the church will re-open sometime later in June or early July. This will only be done if social distancing in church can be put in place and all safety requirements can be met. Church will be thoroughly cleaned and we will be making every effort to meet all of the advice and requirements in place to keep people safe. We will announce the re-opening via the website, social media and by contacting as many people as possible. Pray that this won’t be too far away!

3\textsuperscript{rd} Anniversary of Grenfell Memorial Service

This will take place at 11am on Sunday 14\textsuperscript{th} June. The service will be broadcast online and will be made up of virtual and live elements. Whilst it will not be possible for people to attend the service in church it is hoped by those organising it that people will take part virtually in their homes to remember. #ForeverInOurHearts

Windrush Day

It had been hoped on 21\textsuperscript{st} June to hold a Windrush Day Service. Prayers will be offered on Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} June to mark Windrush Day and we hope to record a short service to be sent out to people. It would be good to have a permanent Windrush Memorial in Church. Perhaps ideas could be suggested about what form this might take.

Notting Hill Carnival

You will by now have heard that Carnival in its usual form will not take place this year. I know that much planning is going into how Carnival can be brought into people’s front rooms. Depending on the health restrictions in August we hope to be able to have some form of exhibition in church relating to Carnival and to celebrate the Carnival during our Mass that weekend. We will keep you informed as this situation develops.
Food Stall

The Food Stall has run successfully for 5 weeks and the number of clients accessing the service has increased each week. We would like to carry in offering this service to the local community. If you have any items you would like to donate please contact Fr Philip to arrange a safe way to deliver them or have them collected. It is also possible to make a financial donation and things can be bought on your behalf for the stall. Thank you to those who are working on the stall each week and those who have been kind enough to make a donation. It is really much appreciated by those accessing the service.

Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi will be very different this year. Fr Philip will offer Mass in the afternoon of the 14th June and give Benediction at 5pm. This will be given over the whole parish as a sign of God’s blessing in this time of pandemic, It will also be a spiritual blessing on all of your homes. Please unite yourself with this act of blessing at 5pm on Sunday 14th June. It was hoped on the 28th June to welcome Bishop Jonathan to be with us to admit candidates for Holy Communion and to offer the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. This sadly won’t be possible but we will be looking for when this can be rescheduled at a time that will be both safe and offer a fitting celebration of the life of faith in the Church.

Important Anniversaries

Next year marks two important anniversaries in the life if our Churches. 2021 will be the 150th Anniversary of the opening of St Michael’s and 160 years since the opening of All Saints. The anniversary ‘Years of Jubilee’ will begin on the respective patronal festivals thus year thus:

St Michael’s Jubilee Year 29th September 2020 – 29th September 2021

All Saints Jubilee Year 1st November 2020 – 1st November 2021

Fr Philip is preparing histories of the parish and events are being planned which we hope will be able to take place.

Here is a prayer as we prepare to mark these milestone anniversaries:

O God, from living and chosen stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.
A Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament by St Thomas Aquinas

Almighty and everlasting God,
behold I come to the Sacrament of Thine only-begotten Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ:
I come as one infirm to the physician of life,
as one unclean to the fountain of mercy,
as one blind to the light of everlasting brightness,
as one poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Therefore I implore the abundance of Thy measureless bounty
that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to heal my infirmity,
wash my uncleanness,
enlighten my blindness,
enrich my poverty and clothe my nakedness,
that I may receive the Bread of Angels,
the King of kings, the Lord of lords,
with such reverence and humility,
with such sorrow and devotion,
with such purity and faith,
with such purpose and intention
as may be profitable to my soul's salvation.
Grant unto me, I pray,
the grace of receiving not only the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood,
but also the grace and power of the Sacrament.
O most gracious God,
grant me so to receive the Body of Thine only-begotten Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
which He took from the Virgin Mary,
as to merit to be incorporated into His mystical Body,
and to be numbered amongst His members.
O most loving Father,
give me grace to behold forever
Thy beloved Son with His face at last unveiled,
whom I now purpose to receive under the sacramental vell here below.