

# ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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The office is open mornings from 9.30-1pm  
on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

The virgin shall be with child *Matthew 1:23*  
6.00pm Joanne Smith-Carter RIP  
8.30am People of the Parish  
10.30am For the intentions of Emily Warner  
*Adult Baptism and Confirmation*



Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Weekday of Advent  
9.30am Francis Clark RIP

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> First Mass of Christmas**  
**3.00pm** People of the Parish  
**8.30pm** **Carols before Mass**  
**9pm** **Vigil Mass of the Nativity ('Midnight Mass')**  
Intentions of the Rayment Family

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> The Nativity of the Lord**  
**8.30am Dawn Mass** - John Burman RIP  
**10.30am Day Mass** - People of the Parish

Thu 26<sup>th</sup> St Stephen  
9.30am Eileen Fuller RIP

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> St John the Apostle  
9.30am David Rock RIP

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Innocents  
**10.00am** Louis Chan-Lok RIP

28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> **The Holy Family**  
6.00pm DRF of the Bright & Doherty Families  
8.30am Peter Halpin RIP  
10.30am People of the Parish

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Sixth Day of Christmas  
9.30am Jane Harman RIP

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Seventh Day of Christmas  
9.30am People of the Parish

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 – Mary, Mother of God  
9.30am Mary O'Neill RIP

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen  
9.30am Eileen & Dillwyn Powell-Davies RIP

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekday in Christmas Season  
9.30am Pauline Amos RIP

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Weekday in Christmas Season  
**10.0am** Toni & Elizabeth Lee RIP

**4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> January – The Epiphany of the Lord**  
6.00pm James & Catherine O'Shea RIP  
8.30am People of the Parish  
10.30am John Fulton RIP



My Dear Friends

Last Saturday I was at St John's Seminary at Wonersh, near Guildford, for the ordination of six new deacons who hope to be ordained to the priesthood in July. Bishop Richard presided at a very beautiful and prayerful Mass in the Seminary chapel. One of the six was Tom Kent who was ordained for our own Diocese. Tom comes from East Sussex. I have known him since he began his training. He was one of the altar servers when I was inducted as Parish Priest here in 2016.

It is always good to go back to the Seminary for an ordination. It brings back memories of my own time there, first as a student, and later as a member of staff. I was ordained deacon there in November 1970, and priest in July 1971.

The new deacons come from different Dioceses, Southwark, Liverpool, and Clifton. Ordination to the Diaconate comes at the end of more than five years of study, and after gaining pastoral experience in different parishes.

I spent a little time at Wonersh at the start of my sabbatical year in 2015, and got to know a number of the students, and so I was especially pleased to be there for their ordination.

Arundel and Brighton Diocese has five men in training at the present time.

The Church today recognises more than ever the vocation of the laity, but the need for good priests remains. Please pray for these new deacons and for all those who are discerning their vocation at this time,  
With my love and prayers for each of you,  
Fr Tony

## Please pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Frank McCaffry, Judi Stevens, Karl Hickey, Karen Suwalski, William Torpey, Agnes Woods, Bernard Bright, Edna Warnock, Mary Cahill, Patricia Dante, Tadeus Sherlonjak, Louise De Almeida, Christopher Mildner, Don Hicks, Constance Chart, Philip Lacey, Margaret Aiken, James Fitzgerald, Maureen Smith, Margaret Denis, James Peevey, Jean McCarthy, Eamonn Duff, Clare De Maria, Patrick Donelan, Nora Clinnick, Anna Pontone

**May they Rest in Peace**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Genevieve Rodrigues, daughter of Olivia and Gary,**  
Leonard Anderson, Aloysius Keeley, Vincent Smyth, Emily Scarborough, George Stuart Baxter, Bart Gruzalski, Sheila Hanks, Sarah Bishop, Clare Derry, Michael Roche, Pauline Hooper, Elizabeth Samson, Fr Alan Sharpe, Bill Danson, Jean Rawlinson, Kay Fry, Margaret Beeby, Anne Burman, Alfredo Sheffield, Nina Grant, Barbara Long, Mary Turner, Johanna Rainsbury, Stephen Sullivan, Rachel Fulton and Michael Machesse  
**and all who need our prayers.**

**Rota** for welcomers, readers and eucharistic ministers for the period Jan-Dec 2020 is now available, extra copies are available in the porch.

**CAFOD Advent Raffle** Many thanks to all the parishioners who donated prizes and bought raffle tickets for the CAFOD Advent Raffle drawn last weekend. Commiserations to those with tickets that - despite much coaxing - just refused to emerge from the drum! Sadly for you, the Parish does not operate a refunds policy! £865.02 was raised. This sum will be directed to CAFOD's fund for humanitarian relief efforts.

**Please pick up a copy of the *Christmas Trumpet***  
Suggested donation of a £1

#### **DECORATE OUR JESSE TREE..**

Do join in and decorate the Jesse tree in St. Michael's with readymade decorations provided OR take a Jesse symbol to colour at home OR make your own decoration from old Christmas greeting cards OR draw and colour a Jesse symbol to hang on the tree.

**Parish Environment Captain sought!** To be a rep for the Ecological Conversion Group, acting as a contact for your parish, distributing our materials at Mass  
Our first magazine was sent out on the 1st Sunday of Advent for the Launch of "The Journey to 2030" which the diocese of Arundel and Brighton has committed to in tackling our ecological crisis. To find out more, visit the 'about us' section of the Journey to 2030 site. Please email John Paul de Quay ASAP at: [info@journeyto2030.org](mailto:info@journeyto2030.org)

**The first Soup Lunch of 2020** will be held on Friday 3 Jan. A selection of homemade soups, bread and desserts, together with tea/coffee, all for £5, will be served between 12 noon and 1.30 pm in the Church Hall. All money raised will be shared between CAFOD, the Princess Alice Hospice and Besom. Everyone is welcome; bring your family, friends and neighbours to enjoy St Michael's hospitality.

**Besom.** A handful of Volunteers is needed to help tidy an Ashtead Resident's small garden, 2-3 hours work, in January. Mostly hedge and lawn trimming. Refreshments provided. To join the Team, please call James Close on 01372 273554.

Don't forget to put your names down as a sponsor for the FHC and Confirmation groups for this year.

**Bereavement Masses:** check the newsletter throughout the year for these Masses; also starting in January, the last Friday of the month in the Hall from 11am-12noon we will be holding Bereavement Sessions where there will be cup of tea waiting for you, a smile and a listening ear.

**Missio/APF.** Apologies to all promoters and box holders regarding the delay in delivery of 2020 calendars. I have phoned the office three times and have now been promised delivery by the weekend. A little prayer may help them on their way. Mavis Bazeley

The **St Michael's 2020 diaries** have arrived!! Please take one for yourself and your family.



**WE WISH A HOLY AND  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL  
PARISHIONERS AND  
THEIR FAMILIES.**

#### **Happy Birthday to:**

**Monday Alexandra, Shiels Sarawan 6, Tommy Hill 13**  
**Thursday Renee Dhanjal 13**  
**Saturday Alice Ekon 6, Matilda Kearney 8**  
**Monday Margot & Nicholas Leonard 4**  
**Tuesday Danielle Robinson 10, Fabio Merlini 4**  
**Thomas De Vincentiis 7**  
**Friday Joseph Barnes, 9 Gabriela Davies 3**  
**Charles Keun 2, Alice Hilliard 1**  
**Saturday Harry George 11**

#### **ROTAS – Church Cleaning, Sunday Coffees, Offertory**

**Recording** I will soon be preparing new rotas for 2020. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like your name to be removed from or added to the lists. Some wonderful new volunteers have come forward recently but we can always use more. You can contact me on 01372 379244 or at [mary.merrett@gmail.com](mailto:mary.merrett@gmail.com) Mary Merrett

**Crib offering 2019:** This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants.

#### **££££££££**

Offertory Collection last week raised £1,410.00  
Last weekend's retiring collection for the **Allsaints Apprentice Scheme** in Leatherhead came to £686.38  
**DON'T FORGET THE OFFERTORY AT CHRISTMAS IS OUR PERSONAL GIFT TO FR TONY. PLEASE USE THE GIFTAID ENVELOPE IF YOU CAN.**

**CAN WE HELP?** *Do you find yourself in need of a helping hand, eg. shopping, collecting prescriptions, transport to hospital or GP? Ring one of these people and they will help if they can.*  
16th to 29th Dec IN EMERGENCY ONLY

Ruth Sydenham Tel. 272007  
Margret McGarr Tel. 277839 #

# Tesco shop - day and time to be arranged

#### **Rotas for Weeks Commencing:**

Church Cleaning	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Angela Archer
	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Maria Adams
Sunday Coffee	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Caroline King
	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Maureen Anderson
Recorders	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Tom Dore and Charles Vossier
	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mary Merrett and Oliver Mee

#### **Ministers' rotas 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> December – Holy Family**

##### **Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass**

WM: Brian Williams and Liz Williams  
R: Maureen Anderson and Keith Cooke  
EM: Ted Le Riche and Shane Murray

##### **Sunday 8:30 am**

WM: Amanda Tybura and Sally Yacob  
R: Carmen Yacob and David Gwyther  
EM: Judith O'Neill and Pauline Clark

##### **Sunday 10:30 am**

WM: Denise Rouse and Danny Lynch  
R: Steve Rouse and Jacqui Shabankareh  
EM: Paul Gruzalski and Christine Smyth

**You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to**  
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**to arrive by 9.30am on Friday morning**