



ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

"Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill in prison?" Matthew 25:44

6.00pm DRF of Peevey Family
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Olive Norval RIP



Mon. 21st. **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9.30am Anna-Maria Barengi-Piccardo RIP

Tues. 22nd. **St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**
9.30am. James and Mary Fitzgerald RIP

Wed. 23rd. Weekday
9.30am. DRF of Schifano Family

Thur. 24th. **St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions**
9.30am John King RIP

Fri. 25th. Weekday
9.30am. Amelia Mary Quintin RIP

Sat. 26th. Weekday
9.30am. Kate Vaughan
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.0-10.30am, 5.15 - 5.45pm

26th/27th. November: First Sunday of Advent

6.00pm People of the Parish
8.30am Trevor Dadswell RIP
10.30am Michael Taylor RIP

Anniversaries: Please pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Stanley Alder, Peter John Lane, Delia Wood,
John King, Lilian Fox, Elsie McHugh,
Winifred Humfrey, Alexander Ross, Francis Fitzpatrick,
Timothy Berner

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Rita McTavish, Colin Hill, Peter Thursfield, Fred King,
Jennifer Thompkinson, Terry Davies, Marie Bliss,
David O'Connell, Michael Machese, John Fulton,
Rachel Fulton, Rebecca Fulton, Monica McAllister,
Eileen Shepherd, Cora Cox, Yolande Chan-Lok, Peter Cavaglieri, Margaret Cleere
and all who need our prayers.

From today's Gospel reading:

***Amen I say to you,
whatever you did for one of the least sisters and
brothers of mine, you did for me.***

Reflection:

With the gospel-inspired eyes we focus our gaze on the King in whose dominion we are subjects. Today's gospel tells us what priorities the king's servants are to have and how we are to live – feeding the hungry, giving water to the thirsty, welcoming strangers, clothing the naked, caring for the sick and visiting prisoners.

So we ask ourselves:

- In what needy person did I see Christ in disguise recently?
- What did I do about what I saw?

Parish e-mail address. As you may be aware the email for the Parish Office has been seriously compromised and as a result we have had to close the account and startup a new one-

Please note smichaeloffice@gmail.com is the new email

TODAY is National Youth Sunday and also a day of prayer for prisoners and their dependents.

The Confirmation candidates will be holding a Cake and Card sale in the Hall to raise funds not only for their retreat but for Church funds.

Amnesty Letter. Please sign the letter to the President of Azerbaijan calling for the release of Jabbar Savalan.

CAFOD Raffle Tickets for the annual Advent Raffle are on sale this weekend. Many thanks to all those who have donated prizes. Please support this worthy cause, focused on assisting the world's most poor.

Advent Groups: This is the last Sunday to sign up for an Advent group. Next week the groups will meet for the first time. If you have any questions about times and places please call me on 01372 278692. Paul

TRAVELLING CRIB: Once again we will have the travelling Crib at St. Michael's. Last year over twenty families signed up to host the crib figures for one night. The crib travels from home to home. One family brings the figures into the home of the next host and prayers are said for the blessing of that home, for travellers and for all families everywhere. It is a simple way of bringing the true meaning of Christmas to the families at St. Michael's. The sign-up sheet is now at the back of the church

Parish Advent Reconciliation (Penitential) Service. It is to be on Monday 5th. December at 7.30pm. Please note this in your diary.

Rotas The 2012 rotas for Church Cleaning and Recording (those who count the weekly collections) will be prepared shortly. If you wish to have your name added to or removed from either of these would you please contact Mary Merrett on 276791 as soon as possible. Please think about volunteering especially if you don't have any other role in church activities.

Next Sunday 27th – the second draw of the 100 club at coffee after the 10.30 mass

Advent Service. Sunday 27th. November at 3.0pm.

To celebrate the beginning of the Season of Advent there will be a short service of reflection, hymns and Benediction. Everyone is warmly invited. For a lift ring Denise 818698.

Ashtead Churches Community Trust, which supports a local youth worker, has a stall at the charities fair at St George's on 26th November. We need help with donations of small new or as new items suitable for men, women or children's gifts. Please leave gifts in the box in the porch this weekend or deliver, labelled ACCT, to reception at St George's centre during the week.

Action in Africa Quiz Night including Supper. In St Michael's Hall. 26th November at 7.30 pm Tickets £12 per head available from Alan Kelly Tel. 274293

'Sing Nowell'. The **Ashtead Singers** will be coming to St Michael's again on **Sunday 4th December at 6.30pm** with a concert of Songs and Carols for Advent and Christmas. Please do come along if you can for this lovely collection of songs. Tickets (priced at £10 to include refreshments) are available from Mary Merrett on 276791.

St Michael's Christmas Concert on 17th December has spaces for parishioners who would like a turn in the spotlight- would you like to sing, play or act? If so, please contact Michelle MacDonald on 270563. Don't hide your light under a bushel...

Are you 11 and under Then you could enter the St Michael's competition and find your winning entry on the front cover of the Christmas edition of **The Trumpet**. We would like your pictures to have a CHRISTmas theme. Submit your entries to the Parish Office by 30th November.

The Editors of the Trumpet would like to hear from any parishioner who would like to advertise in St Michael's new look magazine. We would like to give you first refusal before opening up to the village at large.

ALSO we would like to hear from you if you are in touch with former parishioners who have moved away and would like to share their news with us. If you are 18 -30 or the parent of one we would like to share what they are up to now. We often find first communion photos in the parish office and wonder what walk of life the youngsters have followed. Send an e-mail to the parish office.

ALSO if you were brought up abroad you may have a special or very different Christmas tradition that doesn't happen in the UK. We would love to hear about it. If you have something that Christmas would not be Christmas without it please write about it and drop your work into the parish office – or e-mail.

The Repository (shop) has an abundance of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Candles. If you stock up here St Michael's benefits a little, but more importantly it helps support the Leprosy Mission, Aid to the Church in Need and the Carmelite Sisters.

St Andrew's Shopping Evening This fund raising event is taking place on November 24th 7-9.30pm, £2 entrance fee on arrival. All family and friends are welcome. Lots of traders will be available and if anyone who is a trader would like to have a stall, please contact Lisa Evans on 01372 800827 or lisa.evans63@btopenworld.com for more.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Caitlin Daniels who is ten TODAY!

Helena Chandler who will be one on Wednesday.

Jemma Abi-Sleiman who will be eleven,

Olivia Woodward who will be ten, Leanne Vega who will be nine and Elizabeth Bartlett who will be six all on Thursday.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark 13:33-37

URGENT. Young female cancer patient (and ex-parishioner) looking to relocate to a one bedroom or studio property in the Ashtead/Epsom Downs area to start urgent treatment at Royal Marsden. Looking to rent only, not buy. Call 07866 801906 if you can help!

Epsom and District Irish Association. The next dance is on 25th November at the RHODRONS CLUB, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA dancing from 8.30pm until 11.30pm featuring Mary & the new Counties with local parking, a raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £5.00 on the door

FOR SALE

Bath seat, battery operated, white. Excellent condition £80 o.n.o.

Recliner armchair. Hand operated, pale blue/green patterned cotton cover. Excellent Condition, £100 o.n.o

Electric single bed 'Adjustamatic.' Excellent condition. £600.00 o.n.o.

For all above please call Lisa Evans 07721 841345

Do you need a house cleaner? Call 07532331300. Will give references.

St Philomena's Catholic High School is looking for a cover assistant (immediate start) e-mail for info: Schooolsrecruitmentteam@sutton.gov.uk quoting SHR 11-191

CAN WE HELP?

Do you find yourself in need of a helping hand for whatever reason, eg. Shopping, collecting prescriptions, transport to hospital or GP? Ring one of the people below and they will help if they can.

Keith Merrett Tel. 276791 #

Alison Morgan 274041

Tesco shop Wed 23rd Nov am

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1312.31

Last weekend's retiring collection for the Cathedral

Maintenance Fund came to £177.35

NEXT weekend there will be our monthly retiring collection for CAFOD

Church Cleaning W/C 20th.November: Liz McLennon

W/C 27th.November: Caroline Fitzherbert

Sunday Coffee Today: Caroline King

27th. November: Margaret McArdle

Recorders Today: Tom Dore and Charles Vosser

27th. November: Bill and Judith O'Neill

You can e-mail copy for the Newsletter to stephen.rouse@hotmail.co.uk to arrive by 8.30am on Friday morning or phone him on 01372 818698



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