



ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"He has sent me to heal the broken hearted."
Isaiah 61:1



6.00pm DRF of Waters Family
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Michael Carty RIP

Mon. 12th. Weekday of Advent
9.30am Well-being of Corinne Bond

Tues. 13th. **St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**
9.30am. Max Scott RIP

Wed. 14th. **St John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church**
9.30am. Hetty Hawley RIP

Thur. 15th. Weekday of Advent
9.00am DRF of Doherty Family
10.00am St Peter's School Carol Service

Fri. 16th. Weekday of Advent
9.30am. Michael Paul Cassar RIP

Sat. 17th. Weekday of Advent
9.30am John Byrne RIP
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.0-10.30am, 5.15 - 5.45pm

17th./18th.December: Fourth Sunday of Advent

6.00pm People of the Parish
8.30am Roger Bates RIP
10.30am Bernard Bright RIP

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

Michael Brown, Regina Hickey, Dorothy Passow, Bert Crayden, Peter William Harvey, Mary Guy, Vera Union, Tim Adams, Margaret Garrett, Michael Lynch, Mary Sreeves, Gerry O'Leary, Elena Mashman

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Peter Thursfield, Fred King, Jennifer Thompkinson, Marie Bliss, David O'Connell, Michael Machese, John Fulton, Rachel Fulton, Rebecca Fulton, Monica McAllister, Eileen Shepherd, Cora Cox, Esme Punt, Peter Cavaglieri, Margaret Cleere and all who need our prayers.

From today's Isaiah reading:

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because God has anointed me and has sent me,
to being glad tidings to the poor.

Reflection:

We are invited to stand with God who wants an end to injustice and all that afflicts God's creatures. This Advent text offers hope for personal and community transformation and assures us that God will work with us as we attempt to bring about what Isaiah envisioned and Christ came to fulfill – justice, healing and peace throughout the world.

So we ask ourselves:

- What "glad tidings" do I hear for myself this Advent?
- How can I share that good news with others.

CAFOD Raffle Last chance to buy your raffle tickets. The draw will take place today (Sunday) after the 10.30 Mass.

Our Parish Christmas Concert at 7.30pm on Saturday 17th December in the church.

"Contrasts at Christmas" is a mix of modern and traditional music brought to you by parishioners and visiting musicians (you will also have the chance to sing some well known carols). The spoken word is not forgotten with readings, both funny and serious, on the theme of Christmas. We haven't overlooked the "inner man" (or should it be "inner person") so we will be serving mulled wine, juice and mince pies in the interval. We are not selling tickets but will be charging for the food and drink. There will be a collection at the end and we hope you will contribute generously to parish funds so we can begin to repay the cost of the new organ purchased earlier this year. It will be a great evening of family entertainment. **Please put your names on the sign-up sheet in the porch so we can estimate for the catering.**

Rotas for church cleaning, Sunday coffees and recording are awaiting collection from the pockets.

Amnesty. There are a number of leaflets in the porch with information about people unjustly imprisoned. Please take one and send a Christmas card to the prisoner.

Thank you to all those who supported our December Soup Lunch; what an amazing turnout. The 49 diners raised £245 for CAFOD and Save the Children. Please put 6 January in your diary for the next lunch, where for £5 you can meet friends and neighbours, enjoy homemade food and support two very worthy charities.

Tuesday 13th 7.30pm The Confirmation Group will meet in the hall.

Wednesday 14th at 2pm it is our friendly Bingo in the hall. Do come and give it a try.

Men's Breakfast Christmas Special – Saturday 17 December (8am): St George's Church. Come and join us for our traditional Christmas Special breakfast – with all the trimmings. Good banter, great food and a chance to catch up before the festive season. For more information, please contact Tony McDougal (Tel:818 221)

Penitential services in the Deanery

Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham	Sun 11 th Dec.	5.0pm
St Clement's, Ewell	Wed. 14 th Dec.	8.0pm
St Joseph's, Epsom	Sun 18 th Dec.	4.0pm

The Repository There are still some jars of Mary Turner's marmalade with brandy (ideal for the Christmas table) sold in aid of Children's Blind Mission. There are also children's books and stocking fillers.

Christmas Family Mass. Jessica Ward - who is leading the Family Mass on Christmas Eve 6pm, would like any 7yr old upwards to join her in a 'Children's Choir'. The workshop for the choir would be Friday 23rd December 10am-11.30am in the church, with squash and biscuits in the hall. If you have a child who would like to participate please let Fr Tony know.

Andy Dutton says, "I am with you" is a book of reflections on each of the Sunday readings for the forthcoming year. Written by married couples (including my Mum and Dad!) for couples to help improve our focus on our relationships and family. Available for £7.99+p&p at: <http://www.mccrimmons.com/product/417/1897> or from McCrimmons, 10/12 High Street, Great Wakering, Essex SS3 0EQ, email: sales@mccrimmons.com Phone: 01702 218956. See the porch for sample pages, or Andy Dutton, 275336, for sample copy

Websites for Advent

www.faith-at-home.com for parents and children
www.osv.com is the definitive guide to Advent
www.wellsprings.org.uk a good source for prayer

Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Vocations Service - The St John Vianney Group: A monthly meeting in Crawley for men of all ages brave enough to consider a vocation to the priesthood. Next meetings: 8 January, 5 February and 4 March 2012 at 5.00pm Vocation House, Stagelands, Crawley, RH11 7QD (adjacent to Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church). There will be Mass together with DVD/Speakers/Discussion, Food, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Rosary/Prayer. For more information ring Fr Terry on 07545 576627 or email vocations@dabnet.org

Annual Justice and Peace Assembly: This will be held at in Crawley on Saturday 21 January 2012 from 10.00am – 4.00pm at the Christian Education Centre (DABCEC), 4 Southgate Drive Crawley RH10 6RP. The title of the Assembly will be "Slaves to Branding" and will focus attention on the exploitation of overseas workers in the clothing industry. To book your place at the assembly please contact Ruth Gerun (01293) 651164 or email ruth.gerun@dabnet.org. Please bring a packed lunch.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

George Marsden who will be thirteen, Robert King who will be twelve, Charles Groom-Rietchy who will be eight and Megan McLoughlin who will be seven on Monday.

Lucy Tisi who will be thirteen and Hannah Lay who will be three on Tuesday.

Kesia Symcox who will be ten and Luke Eynon who will be five on Thursday.

Michelle Kurewha who will be twelve and Louisa Edwards who will be thirteen on Friday.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 2:1-5.8-11.16
Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

Heaven is not to be looked on only as the reward, but as the natural effect of a religious life.'

Joseph Addison

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

Epsom Irish Association: The next dance is on 16th December at the RHODRONS CLUB, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA dancing from 8.30pm until 11.30pm featuring Applejack with local parking, a raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £5.00 on the door. All proceeds go to charity.

Next weekend there will be a double issue of the Newsletter so if you have any announcements for early January please let us have them by next Friday morning.

A pair of black leather gloves was left in the church after the Ashtead Singers concert last Sunday. If they are yours or you know to whom they belong please contact Mary Merrett on 276791.

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.

Karin Rogers Tel. 813581

Denise Rouse Tel. 818698 #

Tesco shop Wed 14th. December AM

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1675.22
This weekend we have our annual retiring collection for
The Leatherhead Night Hostel

Church Cleaning W/C 11th. December: Villaruz Family
W/C 18th. December: Maria Adams

Sunday Coffee Today: Alison Morgan
18th. December: Caroline Fitzherbert

Recorders Today: Luc Geneviev and Oliver Mee
18th. December: Mary and Keith Merrett

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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