



ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be it done unto me according to your word." Luke 1:38

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



Mon. 19th. Weekday of Advent
9.30am David Marsden RIP

Tues.20th. Weekday of Advent
9.30am. Fr Bernard McGrath RIP

Wed. 21st. Weekday of Advent
9.30am. Joan and Patrick Queally RIP

Thur.22nd. Weekday of Advent
9.30am The Fulton Family

Fri. 23rd. Weekday of Advent
9.30am. Pauline Amos RIP

Sat.24th. Weekday of Advent
9.30am DRF of Mary Turner RIP
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.0-10.30am, 5.15 - 5.45pm

24th./25th.December: THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

6.00pm DRF of McGough Family
9pm DRF of Cunningham Family
8.30am People of the Parish RIP
10.30am Ian Carter RIP



Mon. 26th **St Stephen.**
9.30am. WBO Lizzie Goonan

Tues.27th. **St John the Apostle**
9.30am. WBO Noel Devine

Wed.28th. **Feast of The Holy Innocents**
9.30am. WBO Michael Canavan

Thurs.29th. **St Thomas Beckett**
9.30am. WBO Liam and Kathleen Canavan

Fri.30th. **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
9.30am Maureen Smith RIP

Sat.31st. **Seventh Day in the Christmas Octave**
9.30am. Holy Souls
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.0-10.30am, 5.15 - 5.45pm
31st. December/1st January 2012 - Mary Mother of God
6pm James Peevey RIP
8.30am Imogene McGrath
10.30 People of the Parish

From today's Gospel reading:

The angel said to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. ...for nothing will be impossible for God."

Reflection:

Through our Baptism and Confirmation we too have been overshadowed by the Spirit and now we look for ways to let the Spirit be active through our lives as we serve the Lord. When we come up against obstacles and discouragement in our mission we will hear an echo of today's gospel, "For nothing is impossible for God."

So we ask ourselves:

- What do I need to do to say "Yes" to God in my life?
- Do I trust that God will help me do what feels impossible

Please keep this newsletter as it covers the next two weeks.

Action in Africa. Back by popular demand is the Victorian Music Hall in aid of Action in Africa at the Theatre, Leatherhead on Friday 10th February 2012. Enjoy a wonderful evening of fun and song and at the same time raise money for the poor in Tanzania. Tickets £18 available from Peter Exworthy (Tel 275846) or from the Theatre box office.

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.

A Big Well Done to Hilary and Philip Ward for organising our Advent raffle for CAFOD. Well done too to all those who supported it. The total raised was £614

Diocesan Directory. The directory for 2012 is now available from the Repository (or Sacristy if closed) price £4.

Confirmation Candidates. Ten of them went to St Cassian's Centre at Kintbury for their retreat having fund-raised for it by car washing and a cake sale. They had a wonderful time.

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

Fr Bernard McGrath, Peter William Harvey, Thomas Dowd, Bill Sharpe, Mary McDonald, Bernard Bright, Frank McCaffrey, Edna Warnock, Judi Stevens, William Torpey, Mary Cahill, Karl Hickey, Agnes Woods, Patricia Dante, Tadeus Sherlonjaka, Christopher Mildner, Constance Chart, James Fitzgerald, Don Hicks, Philip Lacey, Maureen Smith

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Yvonne McIntosh, 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.

Sunday Coffee. You know all those donations you make for coffee or tea on Sunday after the 10.30 Mass. This year you enabled us to send a cheque for £500 to Pitstop who do such a good job looking after the daytime needs of the homeless and 'detached' in our area.

Marmalade and Quince Jelly. A cheque for £52 has been sent to CBM (Children's Blind Mission) from the sale of these made by Jan Corr and Mary Turner

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

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.

Catholic Womanhood Conference - Maryvale Institute: There will be a conference entitled 'The Beauty of Complementarity: A Day on Authentic Catholic Womanhood' at Maryvale Institute in Birmingham on Saturday 17th January from 10am-4pm including lunch. £50 per person. To book please contact Sr Crucis Beards at: **0121 360 8118** or email: artassistant@maryvale.ac.uk. For more information go to www.maryvale.ac.uk

Year of Faith: Recently the Holy Father announced that there would be a 'Year of Faith' reflecting on Vatican II which will run from October 2012. For more information go to www.visnews-en.blogspot.com

*We wish a very
happy and holy
Christmas to all
our parishioners
and their families*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Amelia Bennetts who is five, Ruby Mitchell who is six, Capucine Holloway who is twelve and Dexter Chan-Lok who is one TODAY!

Genevieve Sadler who will be twelve on Tuesday.

Jennifer Saunders who will be eight and Leila Ramada who will be eleven on Wednesday.

Charles Milne who will be eleven on Thursday.

Emelie Cooksey who will be ten on Friday.

Sebastian Hall who will be eight on Boxing Day.

Zachary Symcox who will be twelve on 27th.

Matthew Dipre who will be nine and William Bishop who will be eight on 31st.

This is the festival that makes us know, indeed, that we are members of one body; it binds together the life of Christ on earth with his life in heaven it assures us that Christmas Day belongs not to time but to eternity.

Frederick Denison Maurice

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

A pair of black leather gloves was left in the church after the Ashtead Singers concert. 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.

Ruth Sydenham 272007 and Angela Archer 274984

But in emergencies only please!

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1213.52

Last weekend's retiring collection for **The Leatherhead Night Hostel** came to £525.18

At Christmas the Offertory is our personal gift to Fr Tony. Don't forget to use the Gift Aid envelope.

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

W/C 25th. December: Jan Cassar

Sunday Coffee Today: Caroline Fitzherbert

25th. December: Norma Kelly

Recorders Today: Mary and Keith Merrett

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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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