

# ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

## EASTER SUNDAY

They went out and fled from the tomb for terror and amazement had seized them.  
*Mark 16:8*



8.30 pm **The Solemn Vigil of Easter**  
The intentions of those being received into the Catholic Church

### Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday

8.30 am Elisa Pisa RIP  
10.30am People of the Parish

### Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Monday

09.30 am Well-being of Gerald Mannion

### Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Easter Tuesday

9.30 am Well-being of Terry and Theresa Grogan

### Wed 4<sup>th</sup> NO MASS

### Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Thursday

8.00 pm Well-being of Margaret McArdle and Family

### Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Easter Friday

9.30am Simon Doherty RIP

### Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Easter Saturday

10.00 am Michael and Christopher Hanks  
Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15-5.45 pm

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March

6.00 pm People of the Parish  
8.30am DRF of Mary Turner  
10.30am John and Jill Earl RIP

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

Michael Larkin, Douglas Anderson, May Ryan, Robert Pratley, Anna Harris, Lilian Pratley, Ann Edmunds, Carolina Kehyaian, Vera King,  
Jane Genevier, Jill Earl, Francis McParland, Louis Constable  
and  
**Richard Crib and Mary Taylor who died recently**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Corinne Bond, Fr Alan Sharpe, Robin Johnson, Bill Danson, Irene Aniotz, Michael Hanks, Jean Rawlinson, Kay Fry, Margaret Beeby, Anne Burman, Alfredo Sheffield, Fr. Felipe Ortega, Nina Grant, Barbara Long, Sheila Hanks, Mary Turner, Jean Haynes, Fernando Caprano, Grace Sheridan, Johanna Rainsbury, Stephen Sullivan, Margaret Hall, Monica McAllister, Margaret Cleere, Rachel Fulton and Michael Machese  
**and all who need our prayers.**

## My Dear Friends,

I would like to wish all of you every blessing for Easter.

This year Lent and Easter have come very quickly, or so it seems.

Despite that, I feel that a lot has been done in the Parish. I was very happy to see that nearly 170 including the children have signed up for the Parish Family Groups. The launch will be on Saturday April 21st. Details will follow after Easter.

I would like to thank everyone for all that is being done through the year.

I won't make a list because I would be bound to leave someone out, but I think it is important to say "Thank You". So many people contribute in one way or another.

At Mass on Sunday I will be praying for each of you and for your families, and especially for those who are sick or housebound.

May God bless you all.

With my love and prayers for each of you

**Fr. Tony**

## Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018 – 26th July to 3rd August.

Each year over 700 pilgrims from our Diocese join Bishop Richard in Lourdes for a wonderful week of prayer, laughter and friendship. All are welcome, especially the frail, elderly, sick and disabled, those who wish to help, those who wish to pray, and families who wish to experience pilgrimage where activities are provided for the children. If you need financial help to join, ring or email see details below. If you would like to go to Lourdes this year as part of the Diocesan trip please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, the Bothy, Cowfold Road, Coolham, Horsham RH13 8QL Tel: 01403 740110 or [office@ablourdes.org](mailto:office@ablourdes.org) (if you have difficulty doing this please contact the Parish Office)

**Lourdes Pilgrimage** - As part of their fundraising activities the Pilgrimage Choir and Musicians will be holding a concert "Lord Live" at Worth Abbey on Sunday 8th April 2018. The concert will allow people the chance to experience a little bit of Lourdes here in our diocese and to join the celebration of the Launch of our new CD "Deep Within". Part of the funds raised by the concert will help make the initial payment to cover the cost of recording the CD and eventually the CDs will pay for themselves. There are some tickets here in the office. Tickets are £10.00 per adult (Children go free).

The next two **Baptismal Courses** for 2018 will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Church Hall.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Richard Crib and Mary and Mary Taylor who died recently.

## TRINITY PILGRIMAGE - to Poland, Ukraine & Lithuania 17-28

Sep 2018. Visit the shrines of our Saints: St Sr Faustina, St John Paul II, Blessed Fr Jerzy Popieluszko and many others. Experience the culture of all these countries – their cultural events, traditional music, clothes, and dances and of course their food; See the original image of Divine Mercy painted after the visions of St Sr Faustina.

**For full details and registration form visit -**

<http://stswithuns.org.uk/?s=pilgrimage>

For more info, please contact: **Fr. Marcin Drabik: Our Lady of Lourdes & St Swithun's Parish in Southsea**

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**Easter Offering** By long tradition our offertory at Easter is our personal gift to Fr Tony. Don't forget to use a Gift Aid envelope if you are a taxpayer.

# Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

The next **St Michael's Soup Lunch** will be held in the Church Hall on Friday 6 April. A selection of homemade soups, breads and puddings with tea/coffee will be served from 12 noon to 1.30 pm, all for a donation of £5. All money collected will be shared between CAFOD, the Princess Alice Hospice and Besom. Invite your family, friends and neighbours to enjoy St Michael's award winning hospitality.

## More Ministers Urgently Required!

We're in need of more Readers, Welcomers and EM's (we are especially short in the Sunday 8.30AM mass).

Please contact me if you are interested or have any questions/concerns. If you have never considered this before, why not consider it now? A great way to get involved in the church community that takes very little extra time! (Anastasya Beeston - [anastasya.beeston@gmail.com](mailto:anastasya.beeston@gmail.com)/07851156922)

**Action in Africa** Our Spring newsletter is out with exciting news of how 2018 is going to be another great year for the charity. Already our Burns Night Dinner Dance kicked our fundraising off in style, and 3 new deserving students have joined the Action in Africa family. We're especially excited to announce that our Chair in Nyaishozi, Father Vitalis is, visa permitting, visiting us in the summer to coincide with our Quiz Night at St Michael's on 30th June. So get your team together and book your tickets.

**Gift Aid** Boxes of weekly envelopes for the new tax year beginning 6 April are now available in the porch for those of you who gift aid your donations to St Michael's using this method. Please help yourself. If you give to St Michael's by Standing Order and have run out of envelopes used for second collections etc. please let me or Alison know and I can let you have a new supply. This year we should recover over £13,000 from the Revenue as a result of your generous donations using gift aid. If you pay income tax and are not already gift aiding your donations, please do think about completing a gift aid form available in the porch. We can claim 25p back for every £ you give. It does not cost you a penny and greatly helps the Parish. Charles Vosser

## New Parishioners

If you are new to the Parish we hope that you have been made welcome. If you have not already done so, it would be helpful if you would complete a green registration form (to be found in the porch) and deliver it to the Parish Office so that parish records can be kept up to date.

## DAY FOR YOUTH LEADERS AND CATECHISTS - INSPIRE 2018

On Saturday May 12th, there will be a day for youth leaders, Confirmation catechists. Bishop Richard will also be with us for the first part of the day. It's all happening at St Joseph's Church, Redhill on Saturday May 12th from 10am to 3.30pm. Tickets are £10 with parish group discounts available. To book, or for more information, Email [YMBookings@dabnet.org](mailto:YMBookings@dabnet.org)

The Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust is a charity - No. 252878

## Happy Birthday to:

**Marie Pearce 11 on Tuesday**  
**Florence O'Shea 10 and Harrison Chard 9 on Wednesday**  
**Joseph Dunseath 8 on Thursday**  
**Martha Barnhouse 12 and Aoife Thorp 2 on Friday**  
**Leticia Hall 12 and Isabelle Busby 10 on Saturday**

**London SW Catholic Young Adults** is a social group for young Catholics which meets every month. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242 Our next social evening is on Saturday, 7th April at 7.00pm at The Gourmet Burger Kitchen, Waterloo, SE1 8UL.

**Electronic orthopaedic bed and Mattress.** Recently new V.good condition. Head and legs rise and lower with remote control. Please call 01372 277140

Multi-sport fun sessions for 4-7 year olds are currently being held every Saturday in the St Michaels church hall from 9.30 to 11am. Parents please note this is a 'drop-in session'. For more details or to register your child for a free trial please contact Caitlin (Ezeesport-Ashtead) on 07891 632713.

**Next Week's Readings** Acts 4:32-35,  
1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31

**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.*  
Margret McGarr Tel. 277839 A  
Karin Rogers Tel. 279606 B  
Tesco shop to be arranged

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1,251.19  
This week's collection is our personal gift to Fr Tony.

## Rotas for Week Commencing -

Church Cleaning	1 <sup>st</sup>	Keith Higgins
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Angela Archer
Sunday Coffee	1 <sup>st</sup>	NO COFFEE (unless you volunteer)
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Marina Channing Pearce
Recorders	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bill and Angela Archer
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Dore and Charles Vosser

## Ministers Rota – 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Saturday 8.30 pm**  
WM: Mavis Bazeley and Bill Archer  
R: Angela Archer and Alan Waters  
EM: Fina Tisi and Peter Tisi

**Sunday 8.30 am**  
WM: David Warnock and Margaret McGarr  
R: Simon Williams and Judith O'Neill  
EM: Ruth Sydenham and Keith Higgins

**Sunday 10:30 am**  
WM: Susan Marsh and Andrew Marsh  
R: Polly Ribet and Mary Merrett  
EM: Olivia Rodrigues and Gill Gruzalski

**You can e-mail copy for the Newsletter to [newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk) to arrive by 9.30am on Friday morning or phone Steve Rouse on 818698**