

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In every nation whoever fears God is acceptable to God. Acts 10:35



6.00 pm Henry Smith
& Michael Paul Cassar RIP
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Andrew & Elizabeth Robinson RIP

Mon 7th Weekday of Easter
9.30am Mary Churchill RIP

Tues 8th. Weekday of Easter
9.30 am Vincent McArdle RIP

Wed 9th. **NO MASS**

Thur 10th. **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
Holy Day of Obligation
9.30am Margaret Hall RIP
Followed by Adoration
8.0pm People of the Parish

Fri 11th Weekday of Easter
9.30am Mary Taylor RIP

Sat 12th Weekday of Easter
10.0am **Yvonne McIntosh**
Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15-5.45 pm

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 12th/13th. May

6.00 pm People of the Parish
8.30am Eileen Powell-Davies RIP
10.30am Connor Barrett RIP

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

Mary Churchill, Yvonne McIntosh, Vincent McArdle,

and **Margaret Hall who died this week**
May they rest in peace, Amen

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, Monica McAllister, Margaret Cleere, Rachel Fulton and Michael Machese
and all who need our prayers.

My Dear Friends,

This weekend one of our younger parishioners will be speaking at each Mass about her recent pilgrimage to Lourdes. Jemma went with the HCPT Pilgrimage in the week after Easter. HCPT stands for the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust, which started in a very small way in Sussex and has become one of the largest pilgrim groups in Lourdes each year.

Our own Diocesan Pilgrimage has become the biggest event in the Diocesan calendar with some 800 people going each year. We take a large number of sick people, many of them seriously ill. The second collection this weekend will enable the Lourdes Fund to help people who otherwise would not be able to afford the cost. I am sure that you will want to be generous to this collection.

This year I hope that there will be several Ashtead parishioners joining the pilgrimage. I would be grateful if those of you who have booked to go would let me know who you are. We can look at what transport we will need to get to the airport.

The month of May is dedicated in a special way to Our Lady. Please remember in your prayers to ask our Blessed Mother to pray for all who will be in Lourdes this year.

With my love and prayers for each of you

Fr. Tony

This weekend at the 6pm and 10.30am Mass **Jemma Abi-Sleiman** will be speaking about her recent trip to **Lourdes with the HCPT**. You may know Jemma from altar serving and singing in Emma's music group. She's 17 years old and currently studying for A-levels.

Mass Intentions – If you would like a Mass said for someone or have a special anniversary please pick up a Mass intention envelope at the back of the Church and either give it to Fr Tony or post it through the Office letterbox.

Christian Aid Week 13th-19th May, if you feel you can be a collector please contact Pat Cass on 274498

Amnesty International has launched an Appeal for the unconditional release of **Akmaral Tobylova**, a graphic designer, who was jailed, then bailed, for browsing the opposition party's website because, as she says, she was interested in their policies of better housing and pensions. Please consider signing the Appeal Letter while it is in the Foyer.

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. (Anastasya Beeston - anastasya.beeston@gmail.com /07851156922)

Bingo - My Time Do you enjoy having a chat with good company, a little flutter and having fun while raising money for a very good cause? Then try out our next friendly monthly bingo session this coming Wednesday afternoon, 9th May in the Hall. Proceeds go to My Time, a local group providing respite fun activities for 5 to 18 year olds, who have caring responsibilities for a family member. Eyes down at 2.00pm, refreshments at half time and a raffle before you go home around 4 pm with your winnings and raffle prizes!

Do you have a spare room? You could help a homeless young person. The Surrey Volunteer Host Service provides emergency accommodation on a temporary basis to 16-21 year olds who at risk of being homeless. The service relies on volunteers to offer a spare room to young people in need, for one to three nights. For more information visit surreycc.gov.uk/volunteerhostservice
Email: volunteer.hosts@surreycc.gov.uk

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Pathways to Prayer

Once again Parishioners are warmly invited to participate in some really interesting events taking place in the Dell, St Giles

Colour Jenny Hawke will teach us to use watercolours to express our prayer. No experience needed. All materials provided - June 16th 10-1pm £25

God on the Margins Chris Bemrose will look at how Jesus reached those on the edge of society and how we might respond in prayer – July 7th 10-12noon

Nature and Gardens Jacky Stride will lead us in the prayer gardens, to celebrate God's provision
August 23rd 2-4pm

Quiet Day 'The Open Door' July 21st 10-4pm, led by Sue Riddell, £10

To book any of the above, contact Sharon Seal on 813200 or Sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org

Happy Birthday to:

Madeline Hall 10, Lucy Mitchell 11 on Monday
Paolo Di Carlo 11, Harry Hare 10, Owen Mitchell 10 on Tuesday

Harrison Beaudoin 1 on Thursday

Ava Yacob 7, Aiden Yacob 7 on Friday

Patrick Malcolm 5, Mathew Harish Lara 4 on Saturday

'Lunchbox' and 'The Meeting Room' Many thanks to those parishioners who have donated non-perishable food and toiletries since Christmas to these two drop-in local centres for the homeless and to those otherwise down in their luck. Your contributions have been greatly appreciated by the two organisations and they were very pleased too with your surplus Christmas fare. A basket remains in the porch for donations

"**HELP!!! Ashtead Girlguiding** needs more support. We have Rainbow, Brownie & Guide units in Ashtead that will have to close at the end of this summer term unless more adult volunteers are found. NO qualification needed - just love of kids & girl guiding. Full training & support provided. Current leaders are retiring and new volunteer parents are required to start next term on Monday or Friday evenings - just an hour a week. With so many girls on the waiting lists we need to keep these units open. Thank you!
If you can help please contact Denis Coutts: ashteadc@outlook.com or 07713 149971

The Woodfield Entertainers present 'A Director's Cut' at APMH on 17th to 19th May. Tickets £12 to include drink and light supper. For more info go to www.woodfieldentertainers.co.uk

St Peters Catholic School will be hosting a race night on Friday 11 May at 7pm. This is to raise monies, primarily for a new roof. There will be eight races shown on a big screen throughout the evening with the opportunity to place your bets through a Tote system. Tickets for the evening are just £5 per ticket. If you are unable to make the event, you can sponsor a race (as a family or as a business) for £20 - at the beginning of the race it will be announced who has sponsored it - or become the owner of a horse for £5 (if your horse wins its race, you will receive 10% of the takings on the race). Please come along and support our local school. Contact Ann-Marie Bevan 07970 804066 for more info.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018 – 26th July to 3rd August 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 If you need financial help to join, ring or email the Parish Office.

INSPIRE 2018 - YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, MAY 12TH Tickets are still available for the Diocesan youth ministry leadership day being held on May 12th at Redhill. It's open to anyone who is interested in youth and young adult ministry, including parents and Confirmation leaders, and tickets are just £10. It's happening at St Joseph's Church, Redhill, from 10am to 3.30pm, and there is a very impressive line-up of speakers. We'll also be bringing you up to date on the current discussions at the Vatican around 'Young people, faith, and vocational discernment.' To book: Email YMBookings@dabnet.org.

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

Margaret Hall RIP.

Her funeral Mass
will be here at St Michael's on
Friday 25th May at 12.30pm



Please pray
For repose
Of her soul.

Next Week's Readings Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26;
1 John 4: 11-16; John 17: 11b-19

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.

Geraldine Offord Tel. 210127

Ann Clark Tel. 277324 #

Tesco shop to be arranged.

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1196.53
The Spiritan's collection last week came to £929.90
Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for the
Catholic Communications Network.

Rotas for Week Commencing -

Church Cleaning	6 th	Keith Higgins
	13 th	Angela Archer
Sunday Coffee	6 th	Maureen Anderson
	13 th	Caroline Fitzherbert
Recorders	6 th	Alan and Norma Kelly
	13 th	Bill and Angela Archer

Ministers Rota – 12th/13th May April 2018

Saturday 6:00 pm

WM: Roberto Simonetti

R: Richard Leonard and Nick Pisa

EM: Philippa Dupenois and Shane Murray

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Margaret McGarr and Karin Rogers

R: Carmen Bahri and Anastasya Beeston

EM: Pauline Greenland and Keith Higgins

Sunday 10:30 am

WM: Santiago Crompton-Opazo and Rocio Opazo-Aniotz

R: Joseph Morgan and James Close

EM: Christine Smyth and Sarah Frost

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