

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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Eleventh Sunday of the Year

It shall put forth branches and bear fruit
And become a majestic cedar.

Ezekiel 17:23



6.00 pm Tony Laguarda RIP
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am The First Holy Communion Children and their Families

Mon 18th Weekday
9.30am Intentions of Paul Gruzalski

Tues 19th Weekday
9.30 am Derrick Amos RIP

Wed 20th **NO MASS**

Thur 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga
9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Followed by Adoration

Fri 22nd Ss John Fisher and Thomas More, martyrs
9.30am Irene Devine RIP

Sat 23rd Weekday
10am Mary Manton RIP
*Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation
and at 5.15-5.45 pm*

The Nativity of John the Baptist – 23rd/24th June

6.00 pm People of the Parish
8.30am Flora Grana RIP
10.30am The First Holy Communion Children and their Families

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

Joan White, Cardinal Basil Hume, Lucy Kemp
Mina Bond, Don McGregor, Frances McCarthy
Francis Money, Francis Willsher, Tom Punt,
Sr. Brendan, Peter Chappell

May they rest in peace, Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Monica Leonard, Stuart Baxter, 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 we have the first of two celebrations of First Holy Communion. We have fifty children preparing to receive Christ in Holy Communion for the first time. I hope that all of us will remember to pray for them and their families. Looking forward to next year I want to thank those who responded to my appeal for help with the current programme and hope that they will continue to help next year. At the same time I would like to invite others to offer their help for next year.

I should also mention that 50 is the maximum number that we can cope with, given the requirements of health and safety. With that in mind we shall be inviting parents to register earlier than in previous years. We want to start the programme earlier so that we can have more time to prepare and celebrate the First Holy Communion earlier than this year.

We will also need to give priority to those who regularly worship at St Michael's and those who live in the Parish. I am also wondering if any teachers among our parishioners could offer their help next year. Please let me know if you think you could help.

With my love and prayers for each of you,

Fr. Tony

FHC Sundays, 10.30 Mass on 17th and 24th June

Our FHC candidates this year - 50 of them! - are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday and next. Please pray for them and their families. Please see the list in the Porch for their names and prayer sponsors.

Conquest Art – Open Invitation - Please join us to meet our members and view their work on 3rd July from 2.30-4pm in the Church Hall. It is 40 years since Conquest Art was first set up and exactly a year since they have been using our Hall. Tea, coffee and Birthday Cake will be served

ENCOUNTER Evenings for 15-30s: The evenings offer 15-30 year olds a chance to meet people, have fun and deepen their faith in a friendly, welcoming environment. Our last meeting in June will be on Friday June 29 – Crawley (St Wilfrid's School) All of the evenings start at 7.30pm and end at about 9.30pm, with an optional trip to the pub afterwards for over 18s

120 Year Anniversary September 2018 of Pact - the Prisoners' Charity:

To mark the occasion they are hosting a number of events and producing a publication on their history within the criminal justice system. This includes an anniversary Mass at St Etheldreda's church on September 20th, co-celebrated by the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Joseph Adams and Bishop Richard Moth as the Bishop responsible for Prisons.

Grab your thinking hat and get your teams together for the **Action in Africa 2018 Quiz Night** at St Michael's Hall on Saturday 30th June. Hopefully (God willing!) with the Parish Priest of Nyaishozi in attendance!

Anyone who's been before will tell you our quiz nights are always great fun and the food (including lasagne supplied by William Dyer) is always delicious! BYO Drinks! £15 per ticket – teams of 6 to 8 people. To book call Carolyn Higgs on 01372 279361

A Short Survey for Recent Confirmation Candidates: Bishop Richard is currently holding a consultation on how we prepare people for confirmation. If you've recently been confirmed then we'd like to hear from you. We've created a short survey which you can access on line - <http://bit.ly/surveyconf>. We would also ask parents to pass this on to their children who have recently been confirmed if possible

Pathways to Prayer – at the Dell, St George's
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 Aug 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

Click-to-pray app: The Jesuits in the UK have produced this very useful app which you can use to download a daily reflection for use in your prayer life. It is especially helpful for commuters. You can find it on www.clicktopray.org.

Refugee Week 18-24 June: This takes place every year across the world in the week around World Refugee Day on the 20 June. In the UK, Refugee Week is a nationwide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, and encourages a better understanding between communities. Refugee Week started in 1998 as a direct reaction to hostility in the media and society in general towards refugees and asylum seekers.

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

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the many tasks involved in the set up and running of the **Churches Together Tea Tent** at Village Day.
The Tea Tent once again proved very popular with the community and it was a great opportunity for all the churches in Ashtead to work together. We made a profit of **£1,260.96** which will be shared equally between our three chosen charities: ALDAG (Ashtead Learning Difficulties), Besom and B@titude.

Fetcham Singers Summer Concert – Sat 7th July at 7.30pm. Christ Church (United Reformed) Leatherhead. A concert of Centenary and Anniversary Music to include anthems from the Coronation, songs of WW1, Chilcotts 'Little Jazz Mass' and The Lark Ascending.
Entry £8 (children under 16 free) includes refreshments and donation to charity.

Ashtead Churches Community Trust helps refugees. The Community Sponsorship Scheme was launched on Sunday 3rd June, across St Giles and St Georges. The plan is to show the short video on Community Sponsorship and hand out leaflets to all those attending services. We are in the process of producing the leaflet at the moment; this will direct people towards the website (www.ashteadchurchescommunitytrust.com) and also announce the Information Evening for 19th June, St Michaels from 19.00 onwards

A&B Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage - Buckfast Millennium Pilgrimage - Building our Faith:
The Pilgrimage is from 11-26 August 2018. Are you interested in walking? Do you want to join a travelling Christian community? Come and Walk with them! Their pilgrimage is open to all, so long as you are able to walk about 15 miles per day at a moderate pace, and sleep on a floor of a church, school or community hall. Breakfast, packed lunch and dinner are included in the price - two weeks for £210. Full details and how to book at www.thepilgrims.org.uk

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

Happy Birthday to:
Treasure Kalekezi 9 TODAY!
India Rose Clack 6, Thomas De Schulthes 11, Isabelle Gogy 9, Mathew Harris Milan 7 and Owen Murphy 9 on Monday
Michella Kurehwa 12 on Thursday
Katarina Pekarova 10, Niamh Thorp 4 and Amiee Ralph 10 on Saturday

Flame 2019 - Join 10,000 Catholic Young People at Wembley Arena next March:
Around five hundred people from A&B went to Wembley Arena last March for Flame 2017. The arena was filled, and it was great to be a part of.
The good news announced just last week is that it's happening again next March. Specifically Saturday March 2nd, once again at Wembley Arena. Tickets are already on sale and unlike last time they can be booked online.
Head to cymfed.org.uk/flame2019 for details.

Flame 2019 boasts an impressive line-up of speakers. More names will follow in the months ahead, but Cardinal Nichols, Robert Madu, Guvna B, and Emma B from 'Girl Got Faith' are already on board.
Hurry though - there are only ten thousand seats and (as of the start of May) almost four thousand tickets have already gone!

Next Week's Readings Isaiah 49:1-6;
Acts 13:22-26; John 1:57-66,80

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.*

Angela Archer Tel. 274984
Pat Cass Tel. 274498 #
#Tesco shop to be arranged.

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1,203.04
Next weekend's retiring collection will be for 'Peter's Pence'.

Rotas for Week Commencing -

Church Cleaning	17 th	Angela Archer
	24 th	Maria Adams
Sunday Coffee	17 th	Marina Chaning Pearce
	24 th	Mary Merrett
Recorders	17 th	Alan and Norma Kelly
	24 th	Bill and Angela Archer

Ministers Rota 23rd/24th June 2018– Nativity of John the Baptist

Saturday 6:00 pm

WM: Brian Williams and Liz Williams
R: Maureen Anderson and Richard Leonard
EM: Pauline Clark and Philippa Dupénois

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Yacob Family
R: Carmen Yacob and Tom Dore
EM: Garry Hayter and Sheila Hayter

Sunday 10:30 am

WM: Marina Chaning Pearce
R: Joseph Morgan and Jacqui Shabankareh
EM: Susan Marsh and Keith Merrett

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