

# ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

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## Thirty-First Sunday of the Year

Love the Lord your God with all your heart  
And all your soul and with all your strength  
*Deuteronomy 6:4*



6.00 pm Charles Dupénois RIP  
8.30am People of the Parish  
10.30am Stephen Bliss RIP

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup>** Weekday  
9.30am Vincent McArdle RIP

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup>** Weekday  
Intentions of the Thursfield Family

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup>** Weekday  
**NO MASS**

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>** All Saints of Wales  
**9.30am** Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup>** Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
**9.30am** Michael Connors RIP

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup>** St Leo the Great  
**10am** Fr. Thomas Foley RIP  
*Followed by Sacrament of reconciliation and also  
at 5.15pm-5.45pm*

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year

6.00 pm The Fallen of World Wars I and II  
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## Please pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at about this time

Steven Bliss, Charles Dupénois, Margaret Carty,  
Margaret Brennan, Ronald Kelleher, Kathleen Armstrong,  
Audrey Soanes, John Greenland, Paddy Kennedy,  
James Berry, Martin Hilley, Isabelle Wood, Clara Harber,  
Kathleen Doyle

**May they rest in peace, Amen**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Leonard Anderson, Pauline Hooper, Monica Leonard,  
Stuart Baxter, Fr Alan Sharpe, Robin Johnson, Bill Danson,  
Jean Rawlinson, Kay Fry, Margaret Beeby, Anne Burman,  
Alfredo Sheffield, Fr. Felipe Ortega, Nina Grant,  
Barbara Long, Sheila Hanks, Mary Turner, Grace Sheridan,  
Johanna Rainsbury, Stephen Sullivan, Monica McAllister,  
Margaret Cleere, Rachel Fulton and Michael Machese

**and all who need our prayers.**

My Dear Friends,

I am writing to let you know that there will be an open meeting at St Joseph's Epsom on the evening of Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> when Bishop Richard will present his plan for the future of the Diocese and for the Church in this area.

You may remember that the Bishop came to Effingham last autumn to set out the challenges facing the Diocese as we face the future with fewer priests. He was keen to stress the need for us to recognise the vital role of lay leadership in the future and the need for the Church to find new ways of bringing the Gospel to others.

The Parish Pastoral Team invited everyone to contribute to our response to the Bishop's invitation, and along with the other parishes in the Deanery, we were able to report back at a second meeting in February.

The Bishop has worked with a small team of clergy and laity to produce a plan which he presented at a meeting in Arundel in September. He is now visiting each of the deaneries to present it to the people of the Diocese.

I hope that many of you will want to come to our meeting in Epsom in the evening of Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December (time tbc). I am writing now so that you can put the date in your diaries.

With my love and prayers for each of you,

Fr. Tony

**Please pray at this time for the Christians in Pakistan who are going in fear of their lives. Violent mobs are threatening to burn Christian homes and are attacking people who they identify as Christians. Good people of every faith and none are terrified of the fanatical bullies who go largely unpunished. Please keep this tragic situation in your prayers.**

## Confirmation Programme

The first Confirmation class will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November from 7.45 – 9 pm in St. Michael's Hall

## First Holy Communion Programme 2018/2019

Application forms are available in the porch. **The closing date is 4<sup>th</sup> November.** We have places for 35 children this year with the facilities that we have. Priority will be given to children and families who regularly attend Mass in St. Michael's. Others will have to go on to a waiting list. It is essential that families with children taking part in the programme are part of our regular worshipping Community. **This year there will be a charge to parents of £25 to meet part of the cost of the materials.**

## Retired Priests' Collection - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Every year at least £200,000 is needed for the support of our retired priests. The amounts incurred are likely to increase in coming years as more priests reach retirement age. This support ensures that priests do not face financial hardship when their parish ministry comes to an end.

While in active parish ministry, priests' accommodation and domestic needs are met by the parish and a modest personal income is usually provided from offerings at Christmas, Easter and from baptisms, weddings and funerals.

There is no charge to the parish for pension contributions to fund the future needs for their priest. The Retired Priests' Fund supplies these needs, whether the priest is able to live independently or whether more care is required.

In recent years, this collection has contributed only a fraction of the amount needed. Please give generously so that we can express our concern and gratitude towards those who have served us so loyally over the years. **Bishop Richard**

**Sunday 11th November 2018 – Remembrance Sunday Mass 8am & 9.30am, as last year.** To enable Fr Tony and parishioners to attend the Remembrance Service at the war memorial. Volunteers are needed to distribute Orders of Service Sheets or to act as Road Stewards (speak to James Close). The Service begins at 10.50am marks the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War.

**Meeting Room Sponsored Swim.** I visit the Meeting Room in Epsom every Tuesday. There I meet people who have many problems: housing, drug and alcohol and health both physical and mental. The Meeting Room is a place for them to get a good meal and socialize. Please help them by sponsoring me on my mile swim. Paul Gruzalski.

**Parish Marriage Catechists' Study Day** with Bishop Richard on Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018, at DABCEC, 9.45 to 4 pm.

**The next charity bridge drive** will take place on Tuesday, 6th November in the Church hall. Doors open at 7 pm for start at 7.30. Entrance is £ 6 including refreshments and prizes. It is a very friendly evening and the scoring format is Chicago. The benefitting charity this month is the Leatherhead Lions.

For more information please ring Karin Rogers, 01372 279606, email [rogerskarin@aol.com](mailto:rogerskarin@aol.com).

**Gift Aid/Planned Giving** – Last weekend Tom Dore, our chair of Finance spoke at all Masses about how our finances can work harder... the first way is if you are a tax payer, then you can fill in a Gift Aid form and we can claim another 25% , which means the Church receives at least another £11,000 per year. Standing orders are another way in which we can plan the amount of income we will receive each year. Although we have put aside money for Church projects, our weekly expenses are now not meeting our weekly outgoings; largely due to static income but also rising costs due to inflation. Thank you to all of you who have responded so far, *it really does make a difference...*

#### **CAFOD Advent Raffle**

The annual CAFOD Advent Raffle is coming soon! To make it a success, please have a rummage around at home for suitable prizes for the Raffle. We would love to give a new lease of life to that unwanted Christmas or birthday present that just didn't quite hit the mark for you! A box has been placed in the porch for donated gifts.

#### **Children's Christmas Craft Morning in December**

If anyone would like to help with a Christmas Craft morning for the children of the Parish, please ring Polly on 07775 851562 or email [pollyribet@hotmail.com](mailto:pollyribet@hotmail.com)

#### **Catering at St. Michael's**

If anyone would like to join the Parish Catering Team please contact the Office on 01372 272267 or email Alison at [smichaeloffice@gmail.com](mailto:smichaeloffice@gmail.com)

**Gift aid** A member of the parish has used gift aid envelope number 205. Charles Vossier, the gift aid organiser, does not recognise this number and he would be grateful if the parishioner could identify him or herself so that their donation can be correctly recorded and the tax reclaimed. Charles' telephone number is 274030. Many thanks

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

#### **Happy Birthday to:**

**Joseph Dixon 10 and Annabel Rose 3 on Sunday  
Charlotte Mason 9 and Daisy McBride 8 on Tuesday  
Cian Thorp 1 on Wednesday  
Emma Gibson 5, Amelia Bailey 8 and Oliver Piper 11 on Thursday  
Amelia Llewellyn-Davies 8 on Saturday**

**Ashted Community Churches Trust (ACCT)** – this weekend there is a flyer attached to the newsletter updating the work the Trust is doing in preparation for the arrival of a refugee Syrian family to Ashted.

#### **100 Club renewal forms** for 2018/2019

If you would like to join the 100 Club please pick up a form in the Porch and return to the office where you will be allocated a number. The draw takes place every month, £60 first prize and £40 second prize.

**100 club winners** for September were Helen McGaugh and Philip Ward. That was the last draw for 2017/2018. October's draw will be the new 100 club year 2018/2019

**Next Week's Readings.** 1 Kings 17:10-16,  
Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

**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  
Geraldine Offord Tel. 210127 #  
# Tesco shop – (day to be arranged)

££££££

Last week's offertory collection came to **£ 1,141.44**

Last weekend's collection to help **CAFOD** to assist the victims of the **Indonesian tsunami** raised **£ 1,093.66**

This week the second collection will be for the **Retired Priests Fund** (Gift Aid available.)

#### **Rotas for Weeks Commencing:**

Church Cleaning	4 <sup>th</sup> November	Angela Archer
	11 <sup>th</sup> November	Maria Adams
Sunday Coffee	4 <sup>th</sup> November	Gill Gruzalski
	11 <sup>th</sup> November	Caroline King
Recorders	4 <sup>th</sup> November	Tom Dore/Charles V
	11 <sup>th</sup> November	Bill & Judith O'Neill

#### **Ministers Rota 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass**

WM: Roberto Simonetti and Bill Archer  
R: Angela Archer and Nick Pisa  
EM: Ted Le Riche and Alan Waters

#### **Sunday 8.00 am**

WM: Claire Hargadon and Ruth Sydenham  
R: Martin O'Donovan and David Gwyther  
EM: Keith Higgins and Judith O'Neill

#### **Sunday 9.30 am**

WM: Denise Rouse and Rocio Opazo-Aniotz  
R: Jacqui Shabankareh and Christine Smyth  
EM: Susan Marsh and Maria Adams

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