

# ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

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## Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year

From her poverty she has contributed all she had. *Mark 12:44*



6.00 pm The Fallen of World Wars I and II  
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**Mon 12<sup>th</sup>** St Josaphat  
9.30am Mary Turner's private intentions

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup>** Weekday  
**9.30am** Winifred, Ewan & Peter Humfrey RIP

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup>** Weekday  
**NO MASS**

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>** Weekday  
**9.30am** Corinne Bond RIP

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup>** Weekday  
**12 NOON** Funeral of Mark Rose

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup>** Weekday  
**10am** Jeanne Menjou's Family Intentions  
*Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and also at 5.15pm-5.45pm*

## Saturday/Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> November Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year

**6.00 pm** Paddy Coffey RIP  
**8.30am** Jon Weiss RIP  
**10.30am** People of the Parish

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

Kathleen Doyle, John Bond, Alicia Martin, Lilian Blount,  
Olive Norval, Patricia Bacon, Kathleen Bowler,  
Gertrude Warburton, Anthony Avery, John Willsher,  
Antoni Suwalski, Kenneth Haynes, Margaret Campbell,  
Dorothy Jones, Eileen Ferguson, Sr Catherine,  
Alice McCarthy, Janina Loren  
**May they rest in peace, Amen**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

George Stuart Baxter (Olivia Rodrigues father)  
Leonard Anderson, Pauline Hooper, Monica Leonard,  
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,

This weekend marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

It was described as "The war to end wars", but sadly, as we know, that was not to be. Within a mere twenty one years came the Second World War and the loss of millions more lives. The years since 1945 have seen so many other conflicts and the loss of so many more lives. This weekend is not the time for a political analysis of these conflicts and their causes but rather a time to think of the human cost.

We focus naturally on the armed forces who lost their lives in the different wars, but it is important to think of all the others affected by the conflict. The twentieth century brought war to the civilian population in a new and terrifying way. In our acts of remembrance this weekend and especially at Mass we should remember in prayer all those affected in any way by war and its aftermath.

As we do that we should also be thinking of the kind of world we are creating today.

So many men and women gave their lives for our freedom. Their sacrifice made possible the freedom we enjoy today, and can so easily take for granted. Remembrance is important in itself, but it should also be a time to think seriously about our own responsibilities for the future. What kind of world are we going to leave to the next generation?

Please make time this weekend to remember and to pray.

With my love and prayers for each of you, Fr Tony



**THERE BUT NOT THERE**

**First Holy Communion (FHC) 2018/19** Dear Parents, thank you for your applications, a good number of families have applied for their children this year and the deadline is now passed. I'm pleased to tell you that we have also recruited a good number of Catechists for this year whom you will meet very soon. I will start communicating with you by email in the near future. However, to give you 2 important dates now:

**Tuesday 8pm, 20th November in the Hall** – Introductory Meeting for Parents, please note this meeting is intended for parents only. Please only bring children if this is unavoidable. Among other business, this is an opportunity to pay the £25 for FHC booklets.

**Sunday 10.30am Mass, 25th November** – FHC Family Mass. Parents and children to attend. Candidates introduced to the Parish and to their prayer sponsors (see below).

More detailed information about the programme at the meeting on 20th November but to let you know now that sessions will begin in the Hall on Saturdays at 4.45-5.45pm from 1st December (this is an earlier start than in previous years).

For all parishioners, the programme will commence in the next few weeks. We are seeking two types of support with this:

**Prayer sponsors** - we like each child to have a parishioner who prays for them as they work through the programme towards receiving FHC next May (earlier date next year). There are sign-up sheets in the porch for you to do this.

**Helpers** - the preparation sessions this year take place from 4.45 - 5.45pm each 'term time' Saturday from 1st December; therefore, the role would suit particularly anyone who attends Saturday 6pm Mass. We are seeking 'Helpers' to give practical help, one to one support, even with putting out furniture at these sessions. Just to be clear, you won't be needed each weekend - no previous experience is needed. If you would like to join the team, please just contact me on [d.lynch2@btinternet.com](mailto:d.lynch2@btinternet.com) 07854 395076.  
Danny Lynch

**Advent groups will be starting soon.** Those who already belong to a group please call your group leader for details. If you don't belong to a group and you want to join please call me, Paul Gruzalski on 01372 278692.

**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.

**Thank you to all who supported the November Soup Lunch.** £405 was raised for CAFOD, the Princess Alice Hospice and Besom. The next Lunch, a Christmas Special, will be on 7 December.

#### **Confirmation Programme**

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

#### **Fr. Tony asked us to pray for persecuted Christians in Pakistan. Here's where it started.**

Asia Bibi, a 54-year-old, who has a family of five children, has spent the past eight years on death row while waiting for her appeal to work its way through the Pakistani court system. Sentenced to death for blasphemy in November 2010, Asia Bibi was accused of insulting the Prophet Muhammad after offering her fellow farm worker a glass of water who responded by saying that it was "unclean" because Asia Bibi was a Christian.

**Please sign the letter demanding her release.**

**Gift Aid/Planned Giving** – Tom Dore, our chair of Finance recently 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**

It's confession time! Hands up those of you who have not yet rummaged around at home for suitable prizes for the annual CAFOD Advent Raffle. All will be forgiven provided you start rummaging in time for next weekend when tickets will be on sale for the first time. A box has been placed in the porch for donated gifts.

**Ashtead Churches' Men's Breakfast**, Saturday 17 November, 8.00 - 9.30am, St Michael's Church Hall "More Tales of Refugees": we welcome as our guest speaker Mary Barrett. Cereals & breakfast for £3. All men are very welcome, no need to book; come and join us. More information from [ashteadmensbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:ashteadmensbreakfast@gmail.com) Cereals & breakfast for £3. All men are very welcome.

#### **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)

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

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

**Amelia Bailey 8 TODAY!**

**Jacob Hough 11, Leo S 7, Daniel Vega 12 all on Friday**

#### **Bingo - My Time**

Do you enjoy having a chat with good company, a little flutter and having fun while raising money for My Time, a local group providing respite activities for youngsters with caring responsibilities for a family member? Then try out our next friendly monthly bingo session this coming Wednesday afternoon, 14th November at 2pm in the Hall. Why not bring a friend with you - the more the merrier and the bigger the winnings! If you need transport, please telephone Mary Merrett on 01372 379244

**Joyful and Triumphant** – Surrey Area of NAFAS presents A Christmas Exhibition of Floral Art – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018 10am-5pm, Epsom Downs Racecourse, Oaks Hall, KT18 5LQ. Tickets £5, Early Bird £3. Refreshments available. Further information: 01483 282899 [surreynafas.org.uk](http://surreynafas.org.uk)

#### **Next Week's Readings.**

Hebrews 10: 11-14,18

Daniel 12: 1-3

Mark 13: 24-32

**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.*

Ruth Sydenham Tel. 272007 #

Keith Merrett Tel. 379244

# Tesco shop – (day to be arranged)

#### **££££££**

Last week's offertory collection came to **£1387.13**

Last weekend's collection for the **Retired Priests Fund** came to £632.44

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection to help with the **Maintenance of the Cathedral** (Gift Aid available)

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

Church Cleaning 11<sup>th</sup> November Maria Adams

18<sup>th</sup> November Tom Dore

Sunday Coffee 11<sup>th</sup> @ 30 Hillside after Remembrance Service

18<sup>th</sup> November Maureen Anderson

Recorders 11<sup>th</sup> November Bill & Judith O'Neill

18<sup>th</sup> November Peter and Veronica Exw

#### **Ministers Rota 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass**

WM: Brian Williams and Liz Williams

R: Maureen Anderson and Alan Waters

EM: Peter Tisi and Philippa Dupénois

#### **Sunday 8.30 am**

WM: Margaret McGarr and David Warnock

R: Simon Williams and Judith O'Neill

EM: Ruth Sydenham and Pauline Clark

#### **Sunday 10.30 am**

WM: Andrew Marsh and Susan Marsh

R: Benjamin Younger and Caroline Balko

EM: Mary Merrett and Olivia Rodrigues

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