

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

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

Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year

In those days the powers
In heaven shall be shaken
Mark 13:24-25



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

Mon 19th Weekday
9.30am Marian Quintin Childs RIP

Tues 20th Weekday
9.30am DRF of Bob & Maria Adams

Wed 21st **NO MASS**

Thu 22nd St. Cecilia
9.30am Francis Clark RIP

Fri 23rd **NO MASS**

Sat 24th **NO MASS**
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 5.15pm-5.45pm

Saturday/Sunday 24th/25th November
Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

6.00 pm DRF of Kelly & O'Shea Families
8.30am David Deacon RIP
10.30am FHC Family Mass

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

John and Constance King, Howard Parker,
Marian Quintin Childs, Bryan Sheehan,
Delia Dowd, Winifred Humfrey,
Alexander Ross, Stanley Alder and
Rose McKie (Jacqui Shabankareh's mother)
who died recently
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,

I wrote last week about the open meeting with Bishop Richard taking place on December 4th at St Joseph's Epsom. The Bishop will be presenting his response to the consultation about the future of the Diocese in which we were involved over the past year. I hope that many of you will come to the meeting and take part.

Clearly there will need to be changes in the coming years to cope with the much diminished number of priests. The Bishop's plan looks towards the year 2030, and suggests changes in structures that will be necessary if we are to continue to provide pastoral care and the celebration of the Mass and the other Sacraments.

Whilst this is important, it is even more important to bring about a change in the way we think about the Church and our personal involvement in the life of the Church. We need to rediscover a sense of mission. The Gospel of Christ demands that each of us should be a witness to Christ. Through our Baptism we share in the life of Our Risen Lord. We are his disciples and by the way we live our lives we are called to bring the light of Christ into the world where we live. The renewal of the Church can only happen if we recognise our responsibility to live the Gospel.

The meeting in Epsom on December 4th will be an important moment for the Catholic community in this area as we look to the future. Please come if you can, and please pray.

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

Christmas Trumpet – believe it or not the Trumpet will be in production the first week in December. If you have any stories, poems, anecdotes, advertising, pictures, places you've seen, people you've met etc etc all good copy for our Christmas edition. **Deadline is the 1st December**, many thanks Alison

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).

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). More information about the programme at the meeting on 20th Nov.

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. There are sign-up sheets in the porch.

Helpers - the preparation sessions run from 4.45 - 5.45pm each 'term time' Saturday from 1st Dec; therefore, the role would suit particularly anyone who attends Sat 6pm Mass. We are seeking 'Helpers' to give practical help, one to one support, even with putting out furniture at these sessions. 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.lynych2@btinternet.com 07854 395076. Danny Lynch

Care Group The Care Group meets on Tuesday 20th November in the Priest's House at 10.15am. Caroline King

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 Paul Gruzalski on 01372 278692.

Christmas Fair St Peter's Catholic Primary School are having their Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st December 12.30pm -2pm. Attractions include slime making, festive pony rides, delicious winter BBQ and fabulous raffle prizes to be won....All are welcome for some family fun.

ROTAS New rotas will soon need to be prepared for Church Cleaning, Sunday Coffees and Recording during 2019. Please, can we have some more volunteers coming forward. Contact Mary Merrett on **01372 379244** if you would like to add your name, if you would like a little more information or if you want to come off a rota. Many thanks.

Asia Bibi is on death row waiting for her appeal in the Pakistani courts. She is accused of insulting the Prophet Muhammad by offering her fellow farm worker a glass of water who said that it was "unclean" because Asia Bibi was a Christian. **Please sign the letter demanding her release.**

CAFOD World Gifts – the true spirit of Christmas Giving. Give a gift that will change a life. There are gifts for every budget from Happy Queen Bee at £4 to Help a Refugee child at £46. Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries. Catalogues are available at church or you can buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts



Flying Start Nursery Our very good neighbours, are going to use our Church for their Nativity play. We think this is a lovely idea for their 3 & 4 year olds and their parents to be in a Church setting for the traditional Christmas story. It does however mean that on Tuesdays 27th Nov, 4th & 11th Dec there will not be a Mass or Liturgy of the Word on those mornings as the children prepare and then perform their play.

Travelling Crib The sign-up sheet for the travelling crib is now in the back of the church. It will start its travel from house to house on Nov 26th. This fills up very quickly so please get you place soon. For those of you who are new, the travelling crib is brought into your home by someone who has it just before you. It comes with a prayer of blessing for the home. After you have it for a day, you then take it to the person next on the list. Any questions, please contact Paul Gruzalski

ASHTEAD CHORAL SOCIETY, under the direction of its new conductor, Andrew Storey, warmly invites you to **CELEBRATE** with Benjamin Britten's 'Ceremony of Carols', Leonard Bernstein's 'Chichester Psalms' and Karl Jenkins' 'Celebration of Christmas' on Sat 1st Dec at St Martin's Church, Epsom, at 7.30pm. This concert is in aid of Combat Stress and tickets can be obtained through Mary Merrett on 379244. (Reserved £16, unreserved £14 – under 21's FREE in unreserved). ALSO please come and join our Carols for Charity event in Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall on Saturday morning 8th December from 10.00 to 12.00. Admission is £2 and all monies raised will be divided between– The Besom Project and My Time for Young Carers.

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

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

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

Happy Birthday to:
Hensen De Souza Bridges & Anna Brock 5 on Sunday
Aidan Fair 8 and Elsie Sayers 3 on Monday
Jessica Ribet 8 on Tuesday
Yunika sky Berana 2 on Wednesday
Helena Chandler 8 on Friday

The Woodfield Entertainers present **Treasure Island**, by Tina & Rob Burbidge. A Panto for all the Family, at the Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall on Thursday December 13th & Friday December 14th at 7.30pm and Saturday Dec 15th at 6.30pm. Doors open 30 minutes before each performance. (Matinee on Dec 15th Sold Out). **Box Office: 07941 105612**

CAFOD Advent Raffle The raffle has arrived! Tickets are on sale from this weekend. Remember, the more tickets you buy, the greater your chance of winning a prize! Phil Ward

Parish Office Post Box – The new Parish office has been up and running for a few weeks now. If you have post that is just for the Parish office please use the new Parish Office Post Box sited next to the Sacristy door. That is also the entrance to the new Parish Office. If you have post that is personal to Fr Tony, then continue to post those letters through the Priest's House letterbox.

St Peter's school applications – please send your applications into the Parish Office and Fr Tony will sign and stamp them. Please include a stamped addressed envelope with the application form so we can post it straight back to you. Many thanks.

Next Week's Readings. Daniel 7:13-14,
Revelations 1:5-8 John 18:33-37

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Last week's offertory collection came to **£1,150.44**
The retiring collection this weekend is for the **Maintenance of the Cathedral** (Gift Aid available)

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)

Rotas for Weeks Commencing:
Church Cleaning 18th Tom Dore
25th Philippa Dupénois
Sunday Coffee 18th Maureen Anderson
25th Caroline Fitzherbert
Recorders 18th Peter and Veronica Exworthy
25th Mary Merrett & Oliver Mee

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

WM: Geraldine Hardwick and Lillian Baldwin
R: Peter Exworthy and Andy Dutton
EM: Shane Murray and Ted Le Riche

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Sally Bahri and Luca Beeston
R: Carmen Yacob and Anastasya Beeston
EM: Keith Higgins and Judith O'Neill

Sunday 10.30 am

WM: Helen Adams
R: Claire Webb and Sara Brammall
EM: Jacqui Shabankareh and Christine Smyth

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to arrive by 9.30am on Friday morning
or phone Steve Rouse on 818698