

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

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

Christ The King

To him who loves us and has freed us
by his blood be glory and power for ever.
Revelation 1:5-6

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

Mon 26th Weekday
9.30am People of the Parish

Tues 27th NO MASS

Wed 28th NO MASS

Thu 29th Weekday
9.30am Nancy Finnegan RIP

Fri 30th **St Andrew, Apostle**
9.30am Intentions of Myrtle Murphy

Sat 1st Weekday
10.00am Intentions of the Clark and Mannion Families
Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15pm-5.45pm

Saturday/Sunday 1st/2nd December
First Sunday of Advent

6.00 pm Sarah Kelly RIP
8.30am Michael O'Riley RIP
10.30am Corinne Bond RIP
Followed by the interment of Corinne's ashes.

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

Francis Fitzpatrick, Timothy Berner, Peter John Lane,
Lilian Fox, Elsie McHugh, Pauline Frances,
Pauline Brotherton, Patrick Doherty, Elizabeth Hayes,
William Sheehy, Frank Stephens, Michael Taylor,
Beryl France, Peter Hobday, Rita McTavish,
Trevor Dadswell, John Leonard
May they rest in peace, Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR

George Stuart Baxter, 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,

Someone recently sent me this prayer.

I thought I would share it with you. You might like to cut it out and keep it. It might inspire your own prayers.

With my love for each of you

Fr Tony

God our Father, your power brings us to birth, your providence guides our lives, and by your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in your presence, their lives change but do not end.

I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends and for all the dead known to you alone.

In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they rejoice in your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.

Unite us together again in one family, to sing your praise forever and ever.

Amen

FHC Prayer Sponsor/Family Mass 10.30 Sunday 25th November

Thank you so much to those of you who have volunteered to be prayer sponsors to one of the FHC children. If you are at the 10.30 Mass today you will have the opportunity to meet your child at the FHC Family Mass, when all the candidates will be introduced to the Parish.

FHC parents met Fr Tony, Deacon David and me last Tuesday evening. The first preparation session for children is in the Hall at 4.45-5.45pm next Saturday 1st December.

Advent Candles will be blessed at all Masses on the 1st Sunday of Advent, 1st/2nd December. Please visit the Repository in the Porch if you would like to buy one or buy Advent Calendars and Christmas Cards.

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

Bishop Richard will be presenting to Epsom Deanery his plan for the Diocese at St. Joseph's Church 7pm on Tuesday 4th December.

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 more information or if you want to come off a rota.

CAFOD Advent Raffle As Lance Corporal Jones would say - 'Don't panic, don't panic!' - tickets for the CAFOD raffle will be back on sale next week and the week after! In the meantime, many thanks to parishioners who have donated prizes and have bought tickets.

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.

HCPT Christmas tree sale - HCPT Group 2 will be selling Christmas trees at St Joseph's Church (GU1 4AZ) and St Pius Church (GU1 2TS) on Saturday 8th December from 10am - 3pm to help raise money to pay for children to travel to Lourdes. Please come and buy your tree whilst supporting a worthwhile cause."

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.**

Lift wanted

A delightful lady, partially sighted, who has recently moved into Lime Tree Court from Leatherhead, would very much appreciate a lift to the 6pm Mass at Ashtead on a Saturday evening.

If there is anyone for whom this is their regular mass who could offer this lady a lift on a regular basis, contact Caroline King 01372 277140, caromking8@gmail.com

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 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.

Missio/APF. The autumn collection has now been completed resulting in the magnificent sum £1,037. Many thanks to all who contributed including the new promoters and box holders who joined us following the summer appeal. Special thanks to Sarah Bishop who is now assisting the local secretary. Enquiries to Mavis Bazeley Tel. 273257

ASHTEAD CHORAL SOCIETY, 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 8th December from 10.00 to 12.00. Admission is £2.

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

Coffee after weekday Mass. As there will be no Mass or liturgy on the next three Tuesdays, service of coffee/tea after Mass is transferred to Thursdays. It will return to Tuesdays on the fourth Tuesday from now.

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

Happy Birthday to:

Nellie-Anne Latham 12, Alexandra Lapham 8, on Monday. Matilda Kearney 7, Rosalie New 5, Edward Shiels 7 on Wednesday.

George Latham 10 Lucy Devaney 6 on Thursday.

Mollie Sendet 12, Max Murray 12, Amanda Tyburn 9, Alice Greene 6 on Friday.

Harvey Dutton 9, Hugh Wilton 7, Mia Gleeson 7 on Saturday

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**

Parish Office Post Box –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

Next Week's Readings.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1200.41

The retiring collection for the **Maintenance of the Cathedral** came to £254.51

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.*

Karin Rogers Tel: 279606 #

Denise Rouse Tel: 818698

Tesco shop – (day to be arranged)

Rotas for Weeks Commencing:

Church Cleaning	25 th	Philippa Dupénois
	2 nd	Keith Higgins
Sunday Coffee	25 th	Caroline Fitzherbert
	2 nd	McCormack/Russell Family
Recorders	25 th	Mary Merrett & Oliver Mee
	2 nd	Alan and Norma Kelly

Ministers rotas 1st/2nd December 2018 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Jean Wheeler and Maureen Chappell

R: Philippa Dupénois and Ted Le Riche

EM: Angela Archer and Pauline Clark

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Tom Dore and Claire H

R: Martin O'Donovan and Simon Williams

EM: Ruth Sydenham and Keith Merrett

Sunday 10.30 am

WM: Marina Channing Pearce

R: Mike King and Gill Gruzalski

EM: Caroline Balko and Sarah Frost

You can e-mail copy for the Newsletter to

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to arrive by 9.30am on Friday morning

or phone Steve Rouse on 818698