

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

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First Sunday of Advent

Why do you let us wander, O Lord,
from Your ways?
Isaiah 63:17



6.00 pm Sarah Kelly RIP
8.30 am Michael O'Riley RIP
10.30am People of the Parish

Mon 3rd St Francis Xavier
NO MASS

Tues 4th **NO MASS**

Wed 5th **NO MASS**

Thu 6th Weekday
11.00am Imogene McGrath RIP

Fri 7th **St Andrew, Apostle**
11.00am Keiran Fry RIP, *followed by adoration*

Sat 8th Weekday
10.00am DRF of Mary Turner
Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15pm-5.45pm

Saturday/Sunday 8th/9th December Second Sunday of Advent

6.00 pm Special Intention
8.30am Michael and Margaret Hanks RIP
10.30am Philip Christopher Scarborough RIP

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

Dillwyn Powell-Davies, José Laguarda, Imogene McGrath,
Tony Sydenham, Jason Montague, Kathleen Flaherty
Fred Quintin, Joan Clarke, Marie Menjou,
Joanne Smith Carter, Barbara Fullerton, Nora McCaughtrie,
Feliks Lewandowski, Anthony Turner and Rose McKie
(Jacqui Shabankareh's mother) and David Weaver
who died recently.

May they rest in peace, Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Clare Derry, 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,

Last week I was at the Focolare Centre in Welwyn Garden City for the first overnight meeting of "English and Welsh ARC", the official dialogue between the Catholic and Anglican Churches in England and Wales. We are small group of nine people from each Church including bishops clergy and laity. We are appointed for a five year period. During the coming years we will be looking at a number of shared pastoral problems.

On this occasion we devoted some time to discussing joint church schools, and had a presentation from Paul Barber, who is the head of the Catholic Education Services, and Rowan Ferguson, his Anglican opposite number. These schools across the country are an example of ecumenism in practice. As it happens one of our number, Claudio Gangemi, one of the Catholic members, is the Head of RE at St. Bede's School in Redhill which is a joint Anglican-Catholic school. It was fascinating to hear about the challenges and the opportunities the sharing this creates. It was also interesting to hear from our two speakers about the broader picture and the problems facing Church schools in general in a society that can be quite hostile to religion.

The other topic for discussion was the recent document of the international Anglican - Roman Catholic Commission on the opportunities we have of learning from each other in the day to day life of the Church.

I will write more about that on another occasion.

Meanwhile I invite you to remember in your prayers our fellow Christians here in Ashtead.

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

The **Diocese** is not producing an **Advent booklet** this year. They recommend "**Global Healing**", a film-based resource for parishes, groups and individuals, responding to Laudato Si and Pope Francis' vital call to care for our common home. Further details from www.ourcommonhome.co.uk Alternatively, from House On Rock, they suggest their **Lift up your Hearts** programme, which has the themes of mercy and forgiveness, in preparation for the Christmas period. Go to www.houseonrock.co.uk/faith-sharing Contact Jon Harman, Adviser for Formation and Spirituality, for more information jon.harman@dabnet.org or Tel: (01293) 651157

Advent 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 3rd 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 Dec.

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

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 this week and the week after! In the meantime, many thanks to parishioners who have donated prizes and have bought tickets.

Advent groups are starting now. 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.

The next **St Michael's Soup Lunch** will be on Friday, 7 Dec, in the Church Hall. Homemade soups, breads and desserts, tea and coffee will be served between 12 pm and 1.30pm; all for a donation of £5. Proceeds will be shared between The Princess Alice Hospice, CAFOD and Besom. Bring family, friends and neighbours to enjoy our Christmas Special.

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 Dec from 10am - 3pm to raise money for children to travel to Lourdes. Please come and buy your tree whilst supporting a great 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 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. 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. However, on Tues 4th & 11th Dec there will not be a Mass or Liturgy on those mornings as the children prepare and then perform their play.

The next **Bridge Drive** will take place on Tues, 4th Dec at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall and the benefitting charity is Cystic Fibrosis. Entrance is £6 including refreshments and bridge prizes. Every bridge player is welcome. For more information please ring Karin Rogers, Tel. 01372 279606.

CAFOD World Gifts 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



Epsom Medical Equipment Fund have **local schools and choirs singing carols** in **The Ashley Centre** in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Mon 3 Dec 10am – midday
Tue 4 Dec 10am – midday and 2-3 pm
Wed 5 Dec 10am – midday and 2-3 pm
Thu 6 Dec 5pm – 7 pm
Fri 7 Dec 10am – midday
Mon 10 Dec 10am – midday
Thu 13 Dec 11:10am – 12:10pm

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 until further notice.

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

Happy Birthday to:

Alex de Schulthess 10, Oliver De Souza Bridges 2 and Alexa Lang 1 on Thursday
Nylah Luisis-Lynd 6 on Friday

ASSTEAD CHORAL SOCIETY

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. For more information, please contact Mary Merrett on 379244

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. Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1204.82
Next week's retiring collection will be for Action in Africa.

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	2 nd	Keith Higgins
	9 th	Angela Archer
Sunday Coffee	2 nd	McCormack/Russell Family
	9 th	Philip Ward and Pauline Clark
Recorders	2 nd	Alan and Norma Kelly
	9 th	Bill and Angela Archer

Ministers rotas 9th December 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Advent Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Mavis Bazeley and Matthew Pattinson
R: Richard Leonard and Ray Quinlan
EM: Andy Dutton and Ted Le Riche

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Margaret McGarr and Karin Rogers
R: Angelika Tybura and Garry Hayter
EM: Pauline Clark and Sheila Hayter

Sunday 10.30 am

WM: Radka Dodge and Danny Lynch
R: Mary Merrett and James Close
EM: Maria Adams and Paul Gruzalski

You can e-mail copy for the Newsletter to newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk to arrive by 9.30am on Friday morning or phone Steve Rouse on 818698