

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

6.00pm Fernando Caprano RIP

8.30am Pauline Clark & Family

10.30am May Fernandez RIP

24th/25th December - The Nativity of the Lord
3.0pm Vigil Mass of the Nativity

Bernard Bright RIP

9.0pm 'Midnight Mass' (Carols at 8.30pm)

DRF of Grogan & Vaughan Families

8.30am 'Shepherds Mass at Dawn'

Joanne Smith RIP

10.30am Christmas Day Mass

People of the Parish

Wed 26th St Stephen

9.30am Peter Fox RIP

Thurs 27th St John the Apostle

9.30am Austin and Mary Churchill RIP

Fri 28th NO MASS

Sat 29th NO MASS

No Sacrament of Reconciliation or at 5.15pm

Saturday/Sunday 29th/30th December

The Holy Family

6.00 pm Sydney, Danielle & Geoffrey Holyoake RIP

8.30am Patrick Donelan RIP

10.30am John Fulton RIP

Mon 31st NO MASS

Tue 1st Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9.30am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Wed 2nd NO MASS

Thurs 3rd NO MASS

Fri 4th Weekday

11am Intentions of Margaret McArdle
followed by Adoration

Sat 5th NO MASS

Saturday/Sunday 5th/6th January 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

6.00 pm Private Intention

8.30am People of the Parish

10.30am Howard Lego RIP

My Dear Friends,

This is the last newsletter of the year, and so it is a good moment for me to say "Thank you" for all the love and support you have given me during the past twelve months. I am very grateful to the many people who do so much in the parish. I hope that in the coming year our Parish Family Groups will grow and develop as a way of building us up as the Body of Christ in this place. The care for the sick and housebound continues, and we would love new people to get involved. It is very important that those who are no longer able to get to Mass should feel part of the Community. Their prayers for us mean that, although housebound, they still have a vital and active part to play in the life of the Parish.

I will remember you all at Mass this Christmas. Please keep me in your prayers.

With my love and prayerful wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Fr. Tony

Dec 24th Christmas Eve - 3pm – First Mass of

Christmas – all welcome, but primarily aimed at our younger children who are invited to dress up in traditional nativity style costumes should they wish to do so. (No reindeer or Buzz Lightyear, thank you)

The Offertory at Christmas is our personal gift to Fr Tony. It can be Gift Aided

Please pick up a copy of the **Christmas Trumpet**, suggested Donation £1.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sheila Hanks, Emily Scarborough, 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, Mary Turner, Grace Sheridan,
Johanna Rainsbury, Stephen Sullivan, Monica McAllister, Margaret Cleere, Rachel Fulton and Michael Mchese
and all who need our prayers.

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

Karen Suwalski, William Torpey, Agnes Woods,
Bernard Bright, Edna Warnock, Mary Cahill, Patricia Dante Tadeus Sherlonjak, Louise De Almeida, Christopher Mildner Don Hicks, Constance Chart, Philip Lacey, Margaret Aiken, James Fitzgerald, Maureen Smith, Margaret Denis, James Peevey, Jean McCarthy, Eamonn Duff, Clare De Maria, Patrick Donelan, Nora Clinnick, Anna Pontone, Mary Hancock, Madeleine Alder, Doreen O'Brian, Loraine Sheehan. John Earl, Patricia Dobbe, John Fulton, Emily Traboulsi, Ellie Wenman, Norah Adamson, Julia Perkin
May they rest in peace, Amen



Let this be a sign to you:
in a manger you will find an infant
wrapped in swaddling clothes

**WE
WISH A
HAPPY
AND
HOLY
CHRISTMAS
TO ALL.**

The first Soup Lunch of 2019, will be on Friday 4 January. A selection of homemade soup, bread and deserts, together with tea/coffee, all for a donation of £5, will be served between 12 noon and 1.30pm in the Church Hall. All money collected will be shared between the Princess Alice Hospice, CAFOD and Besom. All are welcome; bring your family, friends and neighbours to enjoy St Michael's award winning hospitality. Apart from the usual stall of homemade produce, St Michael's Quilting Group will be launching the raffle of a beautiful, appliquéd quilt to raised funds for the Ashtead Churches Community Trust Syrian Refugee Project.

CAFOD Advent Raffle

This raffle, which was drawn last weekend, raised £763 for CAFOD's work. Many thanks to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets. Apologies to those with tickets that just 'refused' to be drawn out of the drum!

Marriage Preparation Course to be held at St Joseph's Epsom will be on Saturday 26th January 2019.

Deanery Confirmations - will take place at St Joseph's Church Epsom on Saturday 27th April 2019.

NEW ROTAS

If you are involved in Sunday Coffees, Church Cleaning or Offertory Recording, first of all THANKYOU, secondly please collect your copies of the new rotas from the pockets at the rear of the church.

Gift Aid – Please note that the Gift Aid forms are now white, and can be found in the Porch. If you choose to Gift Aid your weekly offerings, 25% extra goes towards Church funds.

Crib Offering 2018 – this Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's Arundel and Brighton Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants.

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

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last week's offertory collection came to £1,249.03

At Christmas the offertory collection is our personal gift to Fr Tony.

Rotas for Weeks Commencing:

Church Cleaning	23 rd . Tom Dore 30 th . Philippa Dupenois 6 th . Keith Higgins
Sunday Coffee	23 rd . Marina Channing-Pearce 30 th . Mary Merrett 6 th . Gill Gruzalski
Recorders	23 rd . Bill & Judith O'Neill 30 th . Peter & Veronica Exworthy 6 th . Mary Merrett & Oliver Mee

9.30am Tuesday 1st/8th/15th January – Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion followed by Tea/coffee and cake.

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

Happy Birthday to:

Alexandra Shiels Sarawan 5, Tommy Hill 12, Rocco Crimi Turner 12, on 23rd.
Renee Dhanjal 12, on 26th.
Alice Ekong 5, Matilda Kearney 7, Edward Shiels Sarawan 7, on 28th.
Margot & Nicholas Leonard 3, on 30th.
Danielle Robinson 9, Fabio Merlini 3, on 31st.
Thomas De Vincentiis 7 on 1st.
Joseph Barnes 9 Gabriela Davies 3, Charles Kevn 2, Alice Hilliard 1 on 4th.
Harry George 11 on 5th.

A **Deanery Day of Recollection/Reflection** will take place on Saturday 25th May 2019 from 10:00am till 4:00pm for **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** at St Teresa's Independent School Effingham.

'Lunchbox'

This local drop-in centre for the homeless and others facing hard times has written to say how grateful it is for a £300 Sainsbury gift card recently donated by the Parish from the proceeds of 10.30am Sunday Mass coffee/tea donations. The gift card will help fund the purchase of food for the centre and for families in dire need also helped by the centre. 'Lunchbox' is also very grateful to parishioners who donate non-perishable food and toiletries throughout the year. Whenever you can, please place donations of non-perishable food/toiletries in the basket in the porch.

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.*
24th - 30th Dec Ann Clark Tel. 277324
IN EMERGENCIES ONLY
31st Dec – 13th Jan Karin Rogers Tel. 279606 first week
Maureen Anderson Tel. 272988 second week
Tesco shop – (day to be arranged)

Ministers rotas

30th December 2018 – The Holy Family

Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Brian Williams and Liz Williams
R: Richard Leonard and Peter Exworthy
EM: Pauline Clark and Philippa Dupenois

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Karin Rogers and Margaret McGarr
R: Angelika Tybura and Simon Williams
EM: Keith Higgins and Judith O'Neill

Sunday 10.30 am

WM: Andrew Marsh and Susan Marsh
R: Christine Smyth and Claire Webb
EM: Jacqui Shabankareh and Keith Merrett

6th January 2019 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Bill Archer and Mavis Bazeley
R: David Gwyther and Andy Dutton
EM: Fina Tisi and Peter Tisi

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Anastasya Beeston and Tom Dore
R: Garry Hayter and Martin O'Donovan
EM: Sheila Hayter and Ruth Sydenham

Sunday 10.30 am

WM: Marina Channing Pearce
R: Caroline Balko and Sara Brammall
EM: Maria Adams and Caroline Balko

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