

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

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

Baptism of the Lord

Yet even now return to me with
your whole heart.

Joel 2:12

6.00 pm Mary Taylor RIP
8.30am Intentions of Joseph Murphy
10.30am John and Constance King RIP



Mon 14th Weekday
NO MASS

Tues 15th Weekday
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Wed 16th **NO MASS**

Thu 17th St. Anthony, Abbot
NO MASS

Fri 18th Weekday
Sheila Rogers RIP

Sat 19th Weekday
10.00am Gladys Doherty RIP
*Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and at
5.15pm-5.45pm*

Saturday/Sunday 19th/20th Jan 2019
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm Ned & Nellie Kelly RIP
8.30am Intentions of Tony & Sheila Hanks
10.30am People of the Parish

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

Grace Goldie, Matthew Kiernan, Mary McDonald,
Moira Swarbrick, Harry Bishop, Alex Munguia,
Mary Budd, Sheila Rogers,
Canon Francis (Frank) Harrington and Fr Tom Ruane

May they rest in peace, Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sheila Hanks, 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 Machese

and all who need our prayers.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

January 13, 2019

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1: 7-11

From today's Isaiah reading:

"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her
That her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated."

Reflection:

Isn't it good news to know how God favours us? Doesn't it cause
us surprise and wonder when we hear that, despite what we have
done, or deserve, God looks kindly on us and is ready to come to
our aid.

So, we ask ourselves:

When have I experienced God's gratuitous gift of forgiveness?

How have I passed that forgiveness on to others?

**This weekend we welcome back Fr Pak to celebrate Mass
with us.**

Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Pastoral Plan - The Word Who is Life

In early December, Bishop Richard Moth came to Epsom to
present the Diocesan Plan for the future of the Deanery.

If you missed this meeting, the plan is now available in full, on the
A&B website, where you can read it online or download a copy to
read at your leisure.

<https://www.dabnet.org/News/View/250>

Also on the Diocesan website you will find the **Diocesan
Newsletter** or the **A&B News Online**. Just follow the link below –

<https://www.dabnet.org/Publications/>

Applications for the **Youth Service Group** in the A&B Lourdes
Pilgrimage - AKA 'The Redshirts' - will open soon.
Please tell anybody who might be interested that applications will
open at New Year and that places will be allocated on a first-
come-first-served basis, with 60 spaces available.
Apply online - ABLourdes.org

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Sun 20th Jan, 6.30pm at
Ashtead Baptist Church** - The Life Group will meet at 6pm in the
hall at St George's to worship with young people from St
George's, Ashtead Baptist and St. Michael's Churches.

Ashtead Churches Together - Quilt Raffle

This weekend is the last opportunity for you to buy a raffle ticket
at St. Michael's. We are raising funds for our Syrian refugee
project and the quilt will move on to St George's and St Giles'
Churches where tickets will be on sale throughout February. The
final draw and very last opportunity to buy a ticket will be on
Friday 1st March at the Soup Lunch.
Thank-you for your support and don't forget your ticket today!

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

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

Pathways to Prayer We are all encouraged to grow in our relationship with God. The following offer some lovely opportunities for just that. Everyone is invited to participate. All will be held in the Dell, St Giles.

Jan 23rd 10-12am 'Silence' led by Rev. Camilla White
On March 27th a **spiritual book club** will be starting reading 'God with us' by Rowan Williams, and will meet from 10.30 - 12 noon in the Dell, on March 27th, April 3rd, April 10th, May 1st, May 8th.

Also **Contemplative Prayer** on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 8 - 9pm in St Giles Church offers a time of peace, a sacred space where we can rest and be open to God's love.

Justice & Peace Assembly: Workshops for those aged

15+: The Ecological Conversion Group will be running introductory workshops on the theme of Justice & Peace and the links between environmental degradation and the rise of modern slavery.

Covering issues such as Climate Change, Refugees, Poverty and destruction of our natural world, the workshops will explore how small changes in your daily life can make a real difference globally. They are perfect for people looking to put their faith into action. Plus, opportunities for you to get involved in your local community through volunteering. Saturday 26th January, 10 – 3.30 pm (doors open 9.30 am). Packed lunch and reusable cup needed. At the St Philip Howard Centre (DABCEC), 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP Book at rosie.read@dabnet.org

Ashtead Churches' Men's Breakfast, Saturday 19th Jan, 8.00 - 9.30am, St Michael's Church Hall.

Please join us for our first breakfast of the year, when we welcome our very own Andrew Marsh who will be speaking on the work of ACT in aid of Syrian Refugees.

Cereals & bacon butties breakfast for £3. More info from ashteadmensbreakfast@gmail.com. All men are very welcome; do come and join us – no need to let us know in advance.

REPOSITORY – At 10.30 Mass on Sunday morning we are looking to recruit 2 more helpers to sell the cards etc; if you think you could do this very small job before and after Mass one Sunday a month, please contact the Parish office smichaeloffice@gmail.com 01372 272267

Next Baptism Course – Tues 19th Feb at 7pm in the Hall

St Joseph's Dorking will hold a **Marriage Preparation Course** on Wednesday evening 1st May 2019 continued on Saturday 11th May 2019 all day starting with Mass. The conclusion of the course is on Wednesday evening 5th June 2019. Please contact St Joseph's Dorking for the actual start and finish timings.

London SW Catholic Social Group is a social group for young Catholics which meets every month. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Andrew on 07787 231798.

Our next social evening is on Saturday 2nd February at 7.30pm at Ganleys Irish Bar, Morden SM4 5HP.

FOR SALE – Attractive flat in the French Alps, close to Anney; in a chalet of 8 flats; sleeps 6; garage; on ski-bus route; beautiful mountain views; good skiing; friendly village, good Summer facilities. For information, please 'phone Philippa on 01372 810246

Lift wanted A delightful lady, partially sighted, who has moved into Lime Tree Court, would appreciate a lift to the Saturday 6pm Mass. If you can offer this lady a lift contact Caroline King 01372 277140, caromking8@gmail.com

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

Happy Birthday to:

**Dilara Coskuner 10 on Sunday,
Finley Ware 9, Aidan Matthias Crouzet-Smith 9,
Zoe Reynolds 6 and Shay McNamara 7 on Tuesday**

Thank you to all who supported the **January Soup Lunch**. You raised £309 for CAFOD, the Princess Alice Hospice and Besom. The next Lunch will be held on Friday 1 February.

Evenings of Reflection 2019 with Bishop Richard Moth

On Monday 21st January – St Joseph's Epsom
Open to 11-18s

For more information, contact Jack Regan, 01293 651158
JackRegan@dabnet.org

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.

'The Meeting Room' and 'Lunchbox'

Did you over-shop for Christmas? Are you still being tempted to continue the indulging - jettisoning the diet? Have you received so many toiletries that you now have a complex that family and friends may be telling you something? Well help is on hand! You can donate your surplus non-perishable food and toiletries to 'The Meeting Room' and 'Lunchbox', both of which provide local drop-in centres for the homeless and those otherwise down on their luck together with a food bank service to the needy. A collection basket is in the porch

Next Week's Readings.

Isaiah 62:1-5,

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1,309.07
The Crib collection raised £50

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.*

Angela Archer Tel. 274984 #

Marie Thorburn Tel 361795 or 07788276816

Tesco shop – (day to be arranged)

Rotas for Weeks Commencing:

Church Cleaning 13th. Angela Archer

20th. Maria Adams

Sunday Coffee 13th. Caroline King

20th. Maureen Anderson

Recorders 13th. Bill and Angela Archer

20th. Tom Dore and Charles Vossier

Ministers rotas

20th January 2019 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Roberto Simonetti and Caitlyn & Harry George

R: Maureen Anderson and Peter Exworthy

EM: Angela Archer and Philippa Dupenois

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Karin Rogers and Ruth Sydenham

R: Tom Dore and Simon Williams

EM: Sheila Hayter and Garry Hayter

Sunday 10.30 am

WM: James Close and Alick Friend

R: Mike King and Mary Merrett

EM: Caroline King and Christine Smyth

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