

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a groom rejoices in his bride, so shall
your God rejoice in you. *Isaiah 62:5*



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

Mon 21st St Agnes
9.30am Nancy Finnegan RIP

Tues 22nd Weekday
9.30am Jean Zwolinski RIP

Wed 23rd **NO MASS**

Thu 24th St. Francis de Sales
9.30am DRF of Alan & Pat Waters

Fri 25th Conversion of St Paul
9.30am DRF of the Bliss & Connolly Families

Sat 26th SS Timothy and Titus
10.00am Intentions of Peggy
*Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and at
5.15pm-5.45pm*

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm Paddy Coffey RIP
8.30am Michael Hanks RIP
10.30am Maurn Turner RIP

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.

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

Ellen Ann Earl, Marjorie Newman, Barbara Jones
Theodore David, Mary Aspinall, Christopher Hickson
Tony Sheehan, Thomas Queally, Peter Howard, Jean Lane
Peter Risbey, Evelyn Griffiths, Norah Connors
Betty Larkin

May they rest in peace, Amen

My dear Friends

I returned from my post-Christmas break in Egypt on Tuesday evening at about 10.30pm. On Wednesday morning I was en-route to Leicester with Bishop Richard for an unusual meeting. I am part of the steering group responsible for the joint meeting of the Catholic and Anglican Bishops of England and Wales. As we are now in the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, I thought I might share a little of it with you.

We stayed in a very well-appointed centre next door to Leicester Cathedral where King Richard III is now buried. The purpose of the meeting was partly to discuss how we might work together more effectively but also, and perhaps more importantly, to build on the existing bonds between us. Worship was at the heart of the programme: we began with Midday Prayer in the Cathedral, and returned there for Evensong at the end of the afternoon. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York along with the Cardinal presided together with the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Adams.

We had a chance to visit the tomb of King Richard and the new exhibition about his life and the strange story of the discovery of his body, almost by accident.

Dinner was a chance to relax and chat in a very convivial way.

Thursday morning began with Mass in the Dominican Priory. The Dominicans have been in Leicester for 800 years. Cardinal Vincent presided and preached at an event that was an historical "first" and would have been unimaginable not so many years ago. It was agreed that we would come together for Anglican Evensong and for the Catholic Mass. Both Anglican Archbishops were present, and together with the other Anglican Bishops came to receive a blessing at the time of Communion. Next time it will be an Anglican Eucharist and we will come for a blessing in the same way.

I have run out of space, so I hope to write next week about some of the discussion topics. I hope this will be of interest to you.

With my love and prayers for each of you,

Fr Tony

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>

Action in Africa was overwhelmed by the generosity of the St Michael's parishioners who kindly donated £706 to our Christmas Appeal. This money has been used to buy emergency food in Nyaishozi, which is distributed by the trustees there to the most vulnerable and needy in the community. Photographs of the distribution will appear on our website and FB shortly. Thank you!

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 are 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.

After the success of our CHRISTMAS CRAFTS and on the back of popular demand, we will be putting together another SPRING CRAFTS session one Saturday this term. If you'd like to take part or help out in any way, please contact Polly on pollyribet@hotmail.com. Thank you!

Care Committee – after Mass on Tuesday morning 22nd

January in the Priest's House

PPC Meeting – on Tuesday evening 22nd January in the Hall.

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.

Looking for a young-at-heart granny or nanny for a few ad-hoc after school help sessions in mid-March, in Ashtead. Driver please. 3.30pm – 6.30pm only. 2 x delightful children *mostly. Please contact Polly 07775 851562

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

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

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 details.

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.

Lent Course There will be a beginners course on Christian Meditation held on Tuesday evenings of Lent. These will take place in the Lady Chapel in St Michael's Church 7-9pm starting 12th March and finishing Tuesday 9th April. Recommended for those experiencing life as fragmented and those seeking a deeper peace and joy in their lives. For more information: caromking8@gmail.com

In our **contacts** box at the top of page 1 you will see there is a new telephone number for the Priest's House. That is for when you just want to speak to Fr Tony. For all other enquires use the Parish office number. Also note there is a new password for wifi in the Hall – **grandcomet148**

Sunday Coffees - all are invited to come for Coffee/Tea/Squash in the Hall after 10.30am Mass. If you really do not have to dash away why not come in for a chat.

Happy Birthday to:

Charlie Crimi Turner on Monday

Joseph El-Dada, Annabel Dixon 12 on Tuesday

Benjamin Malkerty 1 on Wednesday

PARISH FAMILY GROUPS – Please read the attached newsletter and contact the Judith, Anastaya, Deacon David or the Parish Office if you would like to be involved.

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

'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. Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10;
1 Cor 12: 12-30; Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1,202.83

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	20th. Maria Adams 27 th . Tom Dore
Sunday Coffee	20th. Maureen Anderson 27 th . Caroline Fitzherbert
Recorders	20th. Tom Dore and Charles Vossier 27 th . Bill and Judith O'Neil

Ministers rotas

**27th January 2019 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass**

WM: Geraldine Hardwick and Sam & Jess Stafford
R: Julian Ribet and Angela Archer
EM: Alan Waters and Andy Dutton

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Amanda Tybura and David Warnock
R: David Gwyther and Martin O'Donovan
EM: Judith O'Neill and Ruth Sydenham

Sunday 10.30 am

WM: Radka Dodge and Keith Merrett
R: Steve Rouse and Jacqui Shabankareh
EM: Maria Adams and Mary Merrett

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

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