

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

He has anointed me to bring glad tidings.
Luke 4:18



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

Mon 28th Weekday
9.30am Joan Bond RIP

Tues 29th St Agatha
9.30am Austin Churchill RIP

Wed 30th **NO MASS**

Thu 31st Weekday
9.30am Mr and Mrs Lennon RIP

Fri 1st Weekday
9.30am Intentions of Mary
Followed by Adoration

Sat 2nd Weekday
10.00am Francis Clark RIP
Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15pm-5.45pm

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm Catherine Davis RIP
8.30am Annie Higgins RIP
10.30am People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emily Scarborough, George Stuart Baxter, Bart Gruzalski,
Sheila Hanks, Clare Derry, 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

Evelyn Griffiths, Norah Connors, Florence Smith,
Mary Fitzgerald, Sallie Goldie, Bernard Fitzpatrick,
Peggy Ross, Michael Brander, Leslie Collins, Elsie Smith,
Jean Cunningham, Emilia Gorecka, Michael Coleman,
Joe Hilley, Nan Wood and Edward Ormston
May they rest in peace, Amen.

My dear Friends

My Dear Friends, I wrote last week about the recent joint meeting of the Catholic and Anglican Bishops of England and Wales and promised to say a little more this week about the discussions. The international Anglican/Roman Catholic Commission (ARCIC) published an important discussion document in the autumn on how we can learn from each other as we get to know each other better. This was the basis for the discussions in Leicester.

Two theologians gave us a helpful presentation of that document and proposed questions. It was interesting to look at the different ways our two Churches approach various pastoral issues. Each Church has its particular strengths and weaknesses. The Catholic Church places great stress on unity, and on the role of the Pope as the visible sign and instrument of that unity. The Anglican Communion has a much stronger emphasis on diversity between the different Anglican provinces.

The discussions focused on how we might each be enriched by new insights and the experience of the other tradition. Looking at our different Dioceses there was a chance to compare notes on what is happening at local level. Our local Ashtead project to help Syrian refugees was typical of similar work tackling poverty and a wide range of social problems across the country. The discussions were very productive, but probably the most important thing was the experience of worship together, and the sharing at mealtimes, especially dinner on Wednesday evening. The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Cardinal took full part in the meeting and shared their reflections with us at the end. For me it was an unusual but very positive experience.

With my love and prayers for each of you

Fr Tony

Parish Family Groups (PFg)

Copies of the PFg Newsletter are still available at the back of the porch, please take one. Sign up forms also available in the porch.

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>

Day of Reflection for Readers: Sat 9th Feb at St Dunstan's Church, Shaftesbury Road, Woking GU22 7DT, 11am-4pm
Led by Bishop Richard, with talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, and practical aspects of the ministry. There will be a time of Lectio Divina, and the day will end with Mass. Registration from 10.30am. Refreshments provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking ESSENTIAL – please email ruth.gerun@dabnet.org or tel: (01293) 651164. *Please note that priority will be given to people who have not previously attended a readers' day with Bishop Richard.*

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

Beginning Experience: *A weekend away for a lifetime of change:* For those who are struggling with being single again – whether separated, divorced or bereaved. This weekend programme helps you move from the darkness of your grief into the light of a new beginning. Please contact Freda 01322 838415 / Sandra 0293 783965 or email John at johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

Pathways to Prayer from 10.30 - 12 in the Dell, St Giles. On March 27th a **spiritual book club** will start reading 'God with us' by Rowan Williams, on March 27th, April 3rd, April 10th, May 1st, and 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.

The next **St Michael's Soup Lunch** will be on Fri 1 Feb. A selection of homemade soups, breads and desserts with tea or coffee, all for a donation of £5, will be served between 12 noon and 1.30 in the Church Hall. All are welcome; bring your family, friends and neighbours to enjoy a nourishing meal and support our charities.

WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE: 'THE WORD WHO IS LIFE'
Sat 23rd February, 10 am - 1 pm: At the St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP - Women of all ages are warmly invited to set aside a day to grow in faith, share and discuss with Bishop Richard. Pre-booking essential. Enquiries to: nbcw@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com

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

CCRS Course coming to the Diocese

In support of Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan, the Diocese is planning the launch of a CCRS course, starting in September 2019. The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies has been established since 1991 and aims to provide an introduction to Catholic theology and give an understanding of the central truths of our Faith. It will be open to teachers working in Catholic schools, Catechists, people involved in pastoral and liturgical work and other interested adults. Full details can be found at <http://www.brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php> For more information and to express an interest in attending the course, please contact Jon Harman, Adviser for Formation and Spirituality, at the St Philip Howard Centre: 01293 651157 or email jon.harman@dabnet.org

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

St Joseph's Dorking will hold a **Marriage Preparation Course** on Wed evening 1st May continued on Sat 11th May all day starting with Mass. The course concludes on Wed evening 5th June. Please contact St Joseph's for 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

There is a new telephone number for the Priest's House **01372 270842**, for when you just want to speak to Fr Tony. For all other enquires use the Parish office number. Note also the a new wifi password 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:

Joey Fernandez 13 on Monday

Juliana Gadd 11, Herbie Hill 9 and Elelna Tallante-Solozabel 7 on Tuesday

Lucas De Vincentiis 9 on Wednesday

Michael Knopp 11 on Thursday

Woychiech Szafran 6 on Friday

Isabelle Cowper 11, Katie Dutton 5 and Kacey Stokes 9 on Saturday

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!

Retrouvaille: A lifeline for married couples: Disillusioned or bored in your marriage? Unable to communicate with each other. Do you want to try again? Retrouvaille helps couples nationwide work through challenging times. Email info@retrouvaille.org.uk

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

Next Week's Readings. Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19;
1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13; Luke 4:21-30

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1,202.46
Next week's retiring collection is for CAFOD.

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.*

Penny Weaver Tel. 270512 #

Philippa Dupénois Tel. 810246

Tesco shop – (day to be arranged)

Rotas for Weeks Commencing:

Church Cleaning	27 th	Tom Dore
	3 rd	Philippa Dupénois
Sunday Coffee	27 th	Caroline Fitzherbert
	3 rd	McCormack/Russell Family
Recorders	27 th	Bill and Judith O'Neill
	3 rd	Peter and Veronica Exworthy

Ministers' rotas

3rd February 2019 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Mark McGaugh and Helen McGaugh

R: Richard Leonard and Nick Pisa

EM: Ted Le Riche and Shane Murray

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Sally Jacob and Tom Dore

R: Carmen Jacob and Anastasya Beeston

EM: Keith Merrett and Keith Higgins

Sunday 10.30 am

WM: Denise Rouse and Rocio Opazo-Aniotz

R: Benjamin Younger and Christine Smyth

EM: Olivia Rodrigues and Jacqui Shabankareh

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or phone Steve Rouse on 818698