

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

They rose up and drove Jesus out of town.
Luke 4:29



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

Mon 4th Weekday
9.30am Fred & Mary Quintin RIP

Tues 5th St Agatha
9.00am NB Time James & Mary Fitzgerald RIP

Wed 6th **NO MASS**

Thu 7th Weekday
9.30am Doreen Marchant RIP

Fri 8th Weekday
9.30am Joe Fitzpatrick RIP

Sat 9th. Weekday
10.00am Intentions of Mary Saunders
Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15pm-5.45pm

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm Intentions of Paul Phillips
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Vincent McArdle RIP

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

Kathleen Field, Monica Parsons, David Haydock,
Roy Hamilton, Mary Crosby, Christina Cach,
Theresa Edmonston, Peter Cunningham,
Joyce Margetts, Patrick Gordon, Edward Cleere,
Hubert Fitzgerald, Helmut Jaklitsch
Peggy Donelan
May they rest in peace, Amen.

My Dear Friends

I would like to encourage you to take the time to look at the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for the Diocese. The plan is the result of the quite extensive consultation carried out across the Diocese over the past eighteen months. I am not going to attempt to summarise the plan. Rather I would recommend that you go the Diocesan website and read it for yourselves,
www.dabnet.org/News/View/25

On the one hand we have the practical issues arising from the likely shortage of priests in the coming years. That problem is already with us, and it will only get worse at least in the short term. In the future the Deanery will assume a greater significance. The intention is to focus on the Deanery as the place where much activity will be based. An example would be the training for catechists and other lay ministries.

At its heart the Plan will depend for its success on encouraging a new focus on evangelisation. Putting it very simply, we need men and women who are truly disciples of Christ, and who have a sense of mission. This is nothing new: it was at the heart of the 2nd Vatican Council's call for "Renewal". We have seen many "changes" in the years since the Council, not least in the Liturgy. What is needed now is a greater recognition of the fact that the task of spreading the Gospel belongs to all of us. We need to find new ways of doing it together.

With my love and prayers for each of you

Fr Tony

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

Co-Workers of Mother Teresa

Our small and very friendly Ashtead group will be meeting in St Michael's Hall this Wednesday at 2.00. We spend 2 hours together knitting and crocheting either blankets or hats and scarves and meet on the first Wednesday of each month. The blankets go to many worthwhile causes whilst the hats and scarves are put with other items into Christmas parcels for the homeless. If you would like to join us you will be very welcome or if you have any spare double knitting wool you could contribute we would be delighted to receive it. Please contact me on 379244 if you would like to know more. Mary Merrett

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

This weekend will probably be the last delivery of newspapers to the Church ie The Universe, Catholic Herald, Tablet, Irish Post etc; if you would still like to receive these publications you can subscribe to them by filling in a form or by cutting out the subscription form from the newspaper itself. Leaflets/booklets/papers/cards etc in the Porch, please do help yourself to all the literature in the Porch.

Next weekend 9th/10th February we have an appeal on behalf of the 'Aid to the Church in Need'. 'Aid to the Church in Need' is an international Catholic pastoral aid organization, which offers financial support to more than 5,000 projects worldwide. It aims to help Christians in need wherever they are repressed or persecuted and therefore prevented from living according to their faith. acnuk.org

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

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. Thank you to everyone who responded to Tom Dore's (Chair of Finance for St Michael's) appeal for more Gift Aiders and generally to increase your standing orders. It was very successful appeal but always feel free to contact the Office if you would like to know more.

The next charity bridge drive will take place on Tuesday 5th February in the church hall. The charity is Princess Alice Hospice. Doors open at 19.00 and we start at 19.30. Entrance is £ 6 including refreshments. There are bridge prizes and also a raffle. The format is Chicago - and we play in a very friendly atmosphere. Please do come - if possible with a partner. For more information please ring Karin Rogers 01372 279606, email rogerskarin@aol.com

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.

CCRS Course coming to the Diocese

In support of Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan, the Diocese are planning the launch of a course, in September 2019. The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies aims to provide an introduction to Catholic theology and give an understanding of the central truths of our Faith. Full details can be found at <http://www.brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php>

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.

Hospital Visits - If you, a family member or someone you know is in hospital or is going to be in hospital please let Fr Tony or the office know so that he can visit if you wish.

Happy Birthday to:

Harry Adams 11, Cian Tilley 10, Ellen Russell 11 TODAY!
Liam Hutchinson 8, William Gregory 7 on Monday.
Kian James Toledo 6 on Tuesday.
Cian Tilley 10 on Friday.

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. Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8;
I Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11

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Last week's offertory collection came to 1,206.82
This week's retiring collection is for CAFOD.

Next week we will collect for Aid to the Church in Need

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	3 rd .	Philippa Dupénois
	10 th .	Keith Higgins
Sunday Coffee	3 rd .	McCormack/Russell Family
	10 th .	Denise Rouse
Recorders	3 rd .	Peter and Veronica Exworthy
	10 th .	Mary Merrett and Oliver Mee

Ministers' rotas

10th February 2019 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Matthew Pattinson and Lillian Baldwin
R: Ray Quinlan and Fina Tisi
EM: Alan Waters and Peter Tisi

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Claire H and Margaret McGarr
R: Garry Hayter and Simon Williams
EM: Sheila Hayter and Judith O'Neill

Sunday 10.30 am

WM: Helen Adams
R: Sara Brammall and Gill Gruzalski
EM: Christine Smyth and Paul Gruzalski

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