

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessed are you who are poor,
for the Kingdom of God is yours
Luke 6:20



6.00 pm People of the Parish
8.30am Intentions of Bart Gruzalski
10.30am Intentions of Mickey Radice

Mon 18th Weekday
9.30am Margaret Gosden RIP

Tues 19th Weekday
9.30am Intentions of Ian Callaghan RIP

Wed 20th NO MASS

Thu 21st Weekday
9.30am Intentions of Terry & Theresa Grogan

Fri 22nd Chair of St Peter
9.30am Intentions of Mark & Helen McGaugh

Sat 23rd St Polycarp
10.00am Mary Taylor RIP
Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15pm-5.45pm

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm Gerard McCabe RIP
8.30 am People of the Parish
10.30am Intentions of the McArdle Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emily Scarborough, George Stuart Baxter, Bart Gruzalski,
Peter Exworthy, 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

Gerard McCabe, Richard Tuffnell, Doreen Cave,
George Wood, James Nolan,
Arnold Fullerton, Anthony Culver

May they rest in peace, Amen.

My Dear Friends

I wrote recently about the joint meeting of Anglican and Catholic Bishops in Leicester. That was a national event, but ecumenical activity take place for the most part at local level.

On Monday afternoon the regular meeting of "Ashtead Churches Together" took place in the Baptist Church Hall. Clergy and laity from the Catholic, Anglican and Baptist Churches meet to plan the various ecumenical events locally. We are already thinking about the annual service at the pond on Good Friday morning, and looking further ahead to the Ashtead Village Day in June.

On Thursday afternoon we had our regular meeting of the local clergy. We meet to discuss any pastoral concerns we might have, and we spend some time in prayer together. We meet for about an hour or so, and I think we all find it helpful.

I have mentioned the National and the local level. You might be interested to know that we also have occasional meetings at the County level.

On Wednesday we had a Day of Reconciliation for the Surrey Church Leaders at St. John's Seminary at Wonersh. The Anglican Bishops of Guildford and Dorking were there as were the equivalent leaders of the Methodist, Baptist and URC Churches and Bishop Richard. What links all these meetings is a shared pastoral concern but especially an opportunity to reflect together and pray together.

This is perhaps a reminder for all of us that whatever we do for God and His people must always begin with prayer and be firmly rooted in prayer. That goes for us here in St Michael's as well.

With my love and prayers for each of you **Fr Tony**

UK Fairtrade Fortnight 2019: This runs from 25 Feb-10 March, to celebrate our connection with those in the developing world who grow and make lots of the things we enjoy. Everyone can help by continuing to buy products with the Fairtrade MARK. The next three years will focus on cocoa and the crisis that has caused the world market price to plummet. Choose Fairtrade and together we can do more. Please support the petition in Fairtrade Fortnight at www.fairtrade.org.uk

Veterans Wanted as Pilgrims: If you're an ex-serviceman or woman, we need you! Every year there is the International Military Pilgrimage in Lourdes. HCPT Group 507 takes disabled and sick ex-servicemen and women or dependents of those who have served. We stay in Hosanna House at a wonderful location just outside Lourdes. We need helpers and VIPs, for those we are caring for, to join us on this year's Pilgrimage, from May the 16th to 24th. For more detailed information contact Brendan McWilliams brendan.mcwilliams@icloud.com. If you can't come this year, we could take you next year

Please pray for Fr Gerard Hatton, parish priest of Knaphill who is currently seriously ill in hospital

St. John Vianney Group: for men aged 18-45, who wish to explore whether they have a calling to the priesthood. The next meeting takes place from 4-7.30pm on **Sunday 24th Feb at St. Dunstan's Church, Shaftesbury Road, Woking, GU22 7DT.** For more details contact Fr. Con Foley - 01932 842643 or email foleycon@gmail.com

Applications for the **Youth Service Group** in the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage - AKA 'The Redshirts' - are open. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, with 60 spaces available. Apply online - ABLourdes.org

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split. Call us for further info Tel. Jackie on 020 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com, Jackie@med-irishcentre.com Website: www.med-irishcentre.com

Grandparents' Pilgrimage 2019 : On Wednesday, 12th June to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead. For more information contact Diocesan Adviser: Katherine Bergin at katherine.bergin@dabnet.org or Tel: 01293 651152.

Annual Supporting Bereavement Day: Annual Ongoing Formation Day for those who Support the Bereaved in their Parish on Wednesday 15th May from 10am-4pm, at St Bernadette's, Tilgate. Theme is 'Planning Liturgies to Support the Bereaved'. Bring a Packed Lunch. Booking Essential. To book contact Rosie Read at rosie.read@dabnet.org or Tel: 01293 651161.

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.

Action in Africa Jane Dunkley, Head of PE at St Andrew's School, has been confirmed as our 2019 London Marathon runner. She is really excited to be running for Action in Africa. 'It is a fantastic and worthwhile charity, supporting the local community and children of Nyaishozi in Tanzania. My aim is to raise as much money as possible and I would really appreciate your help with any donations you can make!' You can donate via this link <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JaneDunkley1>

Mass for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The next monthly Mass will be held on Saturday March 2nd at 1pm in St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2PJ. Diocesan Coordinators and Communicators for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People: Mr Peter Booker and Mrs Maria Booker, c/o 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6RP. Email: maq.booker@gmail.com . Mobile: 07970428601

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. Call St Joseph's on 01306 882433

CCRS Course In support of Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan, the Diocese are planning the launch of a course, in Sep 2019. The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies provides an introduction to Catholic theology and 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

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:
Isla Pardesi 3 on Monday
Benjamin Wickham 8 on Wednesday
Lily Howard 12 on Thursday
Arlo Murray 10 on Friday
Liam Rainsbury 10 on Saturday

The Repository (our 'shop' in the porch) A team of volunteers opens the Repository at all Masses each weekend. To join the team, call the office or speak to one of the team members. We stock: statues, icons, crucifixes, rosaries, bibles, missals, prayer books, children's books, candles and lapel badges, FHC and confirmation gifts and reasonably priced cards. If the repository is closed and you need a card, please take one from the displays and leave the money in the wall boxes next to the toilets.

We will be putting together another **SPRING CRAFTS** session on **Saturday 6th April 9-11am**. If you'd like to take part or help out in any way, please contact Polly on pollyribet@hotmail.com. Thank you!

Mark McGaugh is about to launch his memoir '**There's Gold in Them There Tills**' and he will be offering copies to parishioners **next weekend 23rd/24th Feb**. A share of the sales will go to Action in Africa. A good read and a good cause – what else could you need?

Next Week's Readings.

I Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; I Cor. 15: 45-49; Luke 6: 27-38

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1323.76

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.*

Judith O'Neill Tel. 274346
Geraldine Offord 210127 #

Tesco shop – (day to be arranged)

Rotas for Weeks Commencing:

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| Church Cleaning | 17th. Angela Archer |
| | 24th. Maria Adams |
| Sunday Coffee | 17th Marina Channing Pearce |
| | 24th Mary Merrett |
| Recorders | 17th Bill and Angela Archer |
| | 24th Tom Dore and Charles Vossier |

Ministers' rotas

24th February 2019 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Jean Wheeler and Maureen Chappell
R: Ted Le Riche and Andy Dutton
EM: Angela Archer and Fina Tisi

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Sally Jacob and Anastasya Beeston
R: Carmen Jacob and Simon Williams
EM: Garry Hayter and Sheila Hayter

Sunday 10.30 am

WM: Susan Marsh and Andrew Marsh
R: Mary Merrett and Mike King
EM: Caroline King and Caroline Balko

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