

# ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love your Enemies  
Luke 6:27



**6.00 pm** Intentions of John and Agnes Murphy  
**8.30 am** People of the Parish  
**10.30am** Intentions of the McArdle Family

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup>** Weekday  
9.30am Jackie and Kit Oliver RIP

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup>** Weekday  
9.30am Intentions of Mickey Radice

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>** **NO MASS**

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup>** **NO MASS**

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup>** St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales  
9.30am David Weaver RIP  
*Followed by adoration*

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>** Weekday  
10.00am All Holy Souls  
*Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15pm-5.45pm*

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**6.00 pm** John Swain RIP  
**8.30 am** Teresa McGarvey RIP  
**10.30am** People of the Parish

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Michael Roche, 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

Albert Taylor, Phyllis Newbery, Dreda Curties, Pat Cushion, Madge Martin, Mark Potts, Michael Quinlan, Michael Kelly, Lilian Sheehan, Stephen Jayes, Terence Davies, Andrew Devine

**May they rest in peace, Amen.**

## My Dear Friends

It is time to start thinking about Lent. In less than two weeks from now it will be Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the "40 Days" of Lent. Over recent decades the Church has greatly reduced the austerity of Lent, perhaps too much? Certainly what is laid down as required is very much less than it was, and certainly much less than Muslims undertake during Ramadan.

The intention behind these changes was to encourage us to make our own decisions about how to observe this period leading up to Easter. We are invited to decide how to make the most of this time in a way that works for us.

There are three essential elements to the Christian Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. There are many different ways of approaching these three disciplines, but they still remain as a key to understanding what Lent is all about. I will say more about each of these three during the coming weeks, but I want to invite you this weekend to start thinking now, before Ash Wednesday, about how you are going to keep Lent this year. Let's start with prayer. What about coming to Mass sometimes during the week? How much does the Mass mean to you? What about Confession? What about our daily personal prayer? How much time do I give to God each week?

Lent is an opportunity to pause and to take stock of our lives. Let's start now to prepare for Lent 2019.

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](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

**Surrey County Ecumenical Coordinator:** Are you passionate about bringing Christians of different backgrounds together to work and serve God? Open to learning and growth from different Christian traditions? Do you have good administrative and communication skills? The post involves:

- 10 hours paid a week
- Willingness to travel around Surrey
- Working with Church Leaders and local Churches to facilitate ecumenical engagement
- Enabling Church Leaders and Denominational Officers to meet together
- Representing Surrey Churches at Regional and National Ecumenical Events.

For more details please contact Canon Stuart Thomas at [revstuart.thomas@btinternet.com](mailto:revstuart.thomas@btinternet.com) or [office@frimleyparish.org.uk](mailto:office@frimleyparish.org.uk)

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

**Congratulation to John and Agnes Murphy who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019.**

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](http://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](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com) [Jackie@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:Jackie@med-irishcentre.com) Website: [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

The next **St Michael's Soup Lunch** will be held in the Church Hall on Friday 1 March. Homemade soups, breads and desserts with tea and coffee, all for a donation of £5, will be served between 12 noon and 1.30 pm. All money collected is divided between CAFOD, the Princess Alice Hospice and Besom.

**Shift** - A night of Worship for Youth – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at St Georges – led by Caz Brand, Worship Leader at Soul Survivor and Dr Kate Middleton, psychologist, author and director of Mind and Soul Foundation.

**World Day of Prayer 2019:** worship service has a special annual theme which is developed by women of a different country each year. A national committee then prepares an order of service on that theme. This year the theme is 'Come - Everything is Ready!' from Slovenia. There are prayer services all over the world including the UK and this Diocese. Nearest one to St Michael's will be in Epsom.

Please remember **Sheila Peevey** in your prayers. She died recently, aged 96. The funeral will be held on Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March at our Lady and St. Peter in Leatherhead at 11am.

**The Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Scheme:** provides recently graduated Catholics with intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context, including -  
-Placement with Christian MPs and in public policy and social action roles in CES, CAFOD, and CSAN.  
-Guided retreats and spiritual guidance throughout the year.  
-Study for Postgraduate Certificate in Catholic Social Teaching at St Mary's University, Twickenham with option of progressing to Master's Degree in second year.  
-Exploration of the political landscape and the Church's involvement in social action through a series of events and trips abroad.  
-Living at More House in Kensington, and at the end of the year will become part of a network of over 100 intern alumni.  
-For more information and application forms go to [www.faithinpolitics.org.uk](http://www.faithinpolitics.org.uk)  
**Deadline for applications: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**Gift Aid** –The new Gift Aid forms are white and can be found in the Porch. If you Gift Aid your weekly offerings, 25% extra goes towards Church funds. Thanks to everyone who responded to Tom Dore's appeal for more Gift Aiders and generally to increase your standing orders. It was very successful appeal. Contact the Office for more information.

**Action in Africa** Jane Dunkley, Head of PE at St Andrew's School, has been confirmed as our 2019 London Marathon runner. You can donate via this link <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JaneDunkley1>

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

**ACT Quilt Project** The final draw of the Quilt Raffle/Lottery has been delayed until The Soup Lunch on Friday 5th April. St Georges and St Giles wanted more time to sell tickets.

**Lent Course** There will be a beginners' course on Christian Meditation held on Tuesday evenings of Lent, in the Lady Chapel in St Michael's Church 7-9pm; from 12th March to 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](mailto: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:

Liam Henderson 3 on Sunday

William Ralph 12 on Monday

Rebecca Amos 6 on Tuesday

James McDonald 1 on Wednesday

Alexander McGarvey 8, Toby Ross 6, Nancy Ribet 3 and

Freddie Fontana 6 on Thursday

James Jura 8, Ella Cotton 5 & Gabriella Ekong 9 on

Saturday

**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 on one Sunday a month, please contact the Parish office [smichaeloffice@gmail.com](mailto:smichaeloffice@gmail.com) or 01372 272267

We will be putting together another **SPRING CRAFTS** session on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 9-11am**. If you'd like to take part or help out in any way, please contact Polly on [pollyribet@hotmail.com](mailto:pollyribet@hotmail.com). Thanks!

Mark McGaugh launches his memoir '**There's Gold in Them There Tills**' this weekend. He is offering copies to parishioners. A share of the sales will go to Action in Africa. A good read and a good cause – what else could you need?

**Beginning Experience:** 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](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk)

### Next Week's Readings.

Ecclesiastes 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1255.63

**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.*

Karin Rogers Tel. 279606 #

Keith Merrett 379244

# Tesco shop – (dav to be arranged)

### Rotas for Weeks Commencing:

Church Cleaning 24<sup>th</sup> Maria Adams

3<sup>rd</sup> Tom Dore

Sunday Coffee 24<sup>th</sup> Mary Merrett

3<sup>rd</sup> Gill Gruzalski

Recorders 24<sup>th</sup> Tom Dore and Charles Vosser

3<sup>rd</sup> Bill & Angela Archer

### Ministers' rotas

**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass**

WM: Sam & Jess Stafford and Bill Archer

R: Harry George and Angela Archer

EM: Alan Waters and Shane Murray

**Sunday 8.30 am**

WM: Tom Dore and Claire Hargadon

R: Jessica Amos and Anastasya Beeston

EM: Keith Higgins and Keith Merrett

**Sunday 10.30 am**

WM: Amanda Walsh and James Close

R: Eva Walsh and Steve Rouse

EM: Susan Marsh and Olivia Rodrigues

**You can e-mail copy for the Newsletter to [newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk) to arrive by 9.30am on Friday morning or phone Steve Rouse on 818698**