

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A good person out of a store of goodness
produces good *Luke 6:45*



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

Mon 4th Weekday
9.30am DRF of the Coffey & Fitzpatrick families

Tues 5th Weekday
9.30am Gervais Chan-Lok RIP

Wed 6th **ASH WEDNESDAY**
9.30am Cathal Sheehan RIP
8.0pm People of the Parish

Thu 7th THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
9.30am Mickey Radice RIP

Fri 8th FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
9.30am Tony & Mary Sreeves RIP

Sat 9th SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
10.00am Intentions of Manuel J Godinho
Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15pm-5.45pm

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm Louise De Almeida RIP
8.30 am People of the Parish RIP
10.30am Sacred Heart of Jesus in Thanksgiving

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Mavis Bazeley *who is in hospital*, 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

John Haynes, Hilda Marshall, Fernande-Marie Babb,
Teresa Slamin, Marjorie Yates.
And **Mickey Radice** who died recently

May they rest in peace, Amen.

My Dear Friends

I wrote in last week's newsletter about Lent, which begins this coming Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. I suggested that we need to think carefully about how we intend to keep the Holy Season of Lent. When I reflect on the serious commitment of so many Muslims to Ramadan, I feel somewhat guilty as I look forward to Lent.

For many Christians, Lent is a real opportunity to think seriously about our beliefs, and about how we live our lives. I wrote last week about the three essential ingredients of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. I intend to say more about each of these in the coming weeks, but this weekend I want to encourage you to think about what they might mean for you.

Lent is above all a time to reconnect with God. How much time do you give to God each day? We are all different, and we have different ways of being close to God. You need to ask yourself the question: "Do I make time for God unless it is about asking for something? Do I allow God to influence my life?" I would like to encourage those of you who are not working during the day to think about coming to at least one daily Mass during the week. The numbers here on Holy Days show that many of you could come if you chose. Perhaps Lent is the moment to do so. If that is not possible for you, then you need to choose another way of prayer that will work for you.

I am putting out this challenge to each of you but am thinking seriously about what it means to me and about how I will keep 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

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 or office@frimleyparish.org.uk

Fr Gerard Hatton, parish priest of Knaphill, has made steady progress but remains in hospital, so thank you for your prayers.

Easter Trumpet – the deadline for the Easter Trumpet is 31st March, so plenty of time to get your stories, poems, pictures, articles, anecdotes, announcements, advertisements etc etc to us here in the office, by post, by email or any other communication...Alison

Applications for the **Youth Service Group** in the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage - AKA - are open. Apply online - ABLourdes.org

DVD/Book Sale for CAFOD During Lent we will be holding a sale of donated DVDs and books with proceeds going to CAFOD. Look out for the trolley. Every item will cost only £1. Please put your money in the 'Honesty Box'. We have enough to make a start but would welcome donations of books and DVDs. Don't give us your favourites though! Denise on 818698 knows all.

Wintershall Needs Volunteers: The Passion of Christ is being staged at Trafalgar Square on 19th April, and Guildford High Street 20th April. Extra 'hands' needed, and relevant training given. Join existing volunteers and cast 'old' and new to find out about all the interesting possibilities to help out front of house, and back stage too. For more information come along to a Coffee Morning 11am 16 March, Wintershall Estate, Bramley, Guildford.
For more information email admin@wintershall-estate.com or call Finola: 01483 892167.

Shift - A night of Worship for Youth – Friday 8th 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.

Cake Sale – this year's Confirmation Group will be holding a Cake Sale on the weekend of 16th/17th March. They are raising money for Cancer Research so please give them your support on that weekend or by bringing in extra cakes to sell. Keep them in your prayers as they prepare to make their Confirmation on Saturday 27th April at St Joseph's Epsom.

Please remember **Sheila Peevey** in your prayers. She died recently, aged 96. The funeral is on Monday 4th March at our Lady and St. Peter in Leatherhead at 11am.

The next charity bridge drive will take place on Tuesday 5th March in the church hall.
The charity is Princess Dyscover
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

Parish Family Group PFg 1st Anniversary Party after 6pm Mass on Saturday 23rd March in the Hall. **All welcome**, not just Group members.

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/JaneDunckley1>

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

Mark McGaugh would like to thank everyone who purchased his book last week-end and that the proceeds from the sale are going to Action in Africa.

Happy Birthday to:

Sophia Nendick 8 on Sunday
Toby Hare 8, Fina Ferguson 13 on Monday
Olivia Taylor 11 on Tuesday
Jane Piper 13, Charlie O'Neill 8 on Wednesday
Jack Stern 8, Evie Thompson 13 on Friday
Paige Frost 7 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 or 01372 272267

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. Thanks!

St Michael's Year Planner 2019 – is now in the Porch in order to help you all see forthcoming events until Christmas!! Eg FHC dates, AGM date, etc etc

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

Next Week's Readings. Deuteronomy 26:4-10;
Romans 10: 8-13; Luke 4: 1-13

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1,182.70

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 – (day to be arranged)

Rotas for Weeks Commencing:

Church Cleaning	3 rd .	Tom Dore
	10 th	Philippa Dupenois
Sunday Coffee	3 rd .	Gill Gruzalski
	10 th .	Caroline King
Recorders	3 rd .	Bill & Angela Archer
	10 th	Peter and Veronica Exworthy

Ministers' rotas

10th March 2019 - First Sunday in Lent
Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Jean Wheeler and Maureen Chappell
R: Peter Exworthy and Maureen Anderson
EM: Ted Le Riche and Andy Dutton

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Amanda Tybura and Karin Rogers
R: Angelika Tybura and David Gwyther
EM: Judith O'Neill and Ruth Sydenham

Sunday 10.30 am

WM: Radka Dodge and Alick Friend
R: Jacqui Shabankareh and Caroline Balko
EM: Paul Gruzalski and Caroline King

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