

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

First Sunday of Lent

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



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

Mon 11th Weekday
9.30am Intentions of Pauline Clark

Tues 12th Weekday
9.30am Robert Gosden RIP

Wed 13th Weekday
NO MASS

Thu 14th Weekday
9.30am John Coffey RIP

Fri 15th Weekday
9.30am Mickey Radice RIP

Sat 16th Weekday
10.00am Ann Rafter RIP
*Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and at
5.15pm-5.45pm*

Second Sunday of Lent

6.00 pm Maureen Fitzpatrick RIP
8.30 am People of the Parish
10.30am Intentions of Terry and Theresa Grogan

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Mavis Bazeley, Michael Roche, 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

Mary Murphy, Martin Walsh, Florence Stephens,
Ciaran Flynn, Fr Albert Hadshar, James Slamin,
Antonina Cavaglieri, Rudy Therien, Geoffrey Marshall,
Bishop David Cashman, Doris & Jim Hicksman,
Veronica McCreedy, Jacqueline Legge, Victor Kulisz
Cora Cox.

And **Mickey Radice** who died recently

My Dear Friends

Lent again: The word "Lent" comes from an old English word for "springtime". This year we have already had an unexpected foretaste of spring in February. For us in this part of England Winter has been relatively mild, but Nonetheless we look forward to Spring as a time of hope, as the daylight increases and new life springs forth from the ground. All around us there are signs of life. Living as we do in the country it is hard to miss.

I suspect that most of us don't look forward with the same enthusiasm to Lent. We need to think again about what Lent ought to be. With the coming of spring we enjoy the gradual increase in the light of the sun. In Lent we are invited to draw closer to Him who is "The Light of the World". Our various Lenten practices are meant to help us in coming closer to God.

If we give up things we enjoy, we do so in order to appreciate all the more the God who gives us all that we have. If we make time for others, it takes us out of ourselves, and can make us more grateful for those around us. As we give to those in need we deepen our gratitude to God.

Above all Lent is a call to prayer. It is an invitation to get to know Christ better. Jesus came to show us how much God loves us. We will never begin to grasp this great reality unless we come to know Christ in prayer.

I invite each of you, and all of you to do your best to make the most of this Christian Springtime

Fr Tony

Fr Charles Jefferies RIP The Funeral Mass will take place at Christ the Prince of Peace, Portmore Way, Weybridge, on Tue 26th March at 12:00. There is parking at the school KT13 8JD and there will be refreshments afterwards.

Lent 2019

Wednesdays – 9:30 am – morning prayer of the church.
Fridays – 10 am (After 9.30 Mass) – Stations of the cross.

Easter Triduum Retreat for Young Adults (18-35s)

This Easter weekend, there will be a retreat for young adults at Worth Abbey, celebrating the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The monastic community and the members of The Wellspring Community invite you to join them for this great Feast! For a booking form, please contact The Open Cloister at Worth Abbey (TOC@worthabbey.net). If you have any questions, do drop us an email youngadults@wellspringbrighton.org.uk We look forward to seeing you there!

CAFOD Family Lent Fast Day This year the CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day is Friday 15th March - a day for us to consume less and instead make a donation to CAFOD so that it can help those in the world suffering from droughts, floods, storms and other humanitarian crises. There will be a retiring collection for your donations next weekend (16/17th March). Please be as generous as possible because CAFOD has to turn away one in three requests for help owing to lack of funds. If you are able, please Gift Aid your donation to attract a further 25 pence for every £ donated. Pick up an envelope in advance this weekend.

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

Easter Trumpet – the deadline is 31st March, so get your stories, poems, pictures, articles, anecdotes, announcements, advertisements etc etc to us here in the office, asap...Alison

If you use numbered weekly envelopes to make your donations to the parish, envelopes for the new tax year may now be collected from the back of the Church.
If you give by standing order and have run out of the envelopes used for one off donations and second collections, please let me know and I will let you have a new supply.
Charles Vossler (Tel 274030)

Parish Family Groups at St Michael's is celebrating their 1st year anniversary on Sat 23rd March, 7pm at the church hall. All are welcome to attend. Theme is 'It's A Small World', bring an (international) plate to share. Please RSVP to Anastasya Beeston (Anastasya.Beeston@gmail.com). Volunteers to help set up would be greatly welcomed!

Thank you to all who supported the March **Soup Lunch**. You raised £363 for CAFOD, the Princess Alice Hospice and Besom. The next Soup Lunch will be on Friday, 5 April, and the occasion of the **raffle draw for the ACT Quilt**.

Men's Breakfast The next ACT Men's Breakfast will be on Sat 16th March at St. George's. The speaker will be Philip Schwenk, from the St. Vincent de Paul Society. 08.00 start. Cereals & bacon buttie breakfast for £3, enough tea and coffee to re-float the Titanic. All men are very welcome.

Praise and Worship – March 10th 7.15pm all welcome at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hampton Court Way, Thames Ditton

Bingo - My Time - our next friendly monthly bingo session on **Wed 13th March at 2pm in the Hall**. Bring a friend with you - the more the merrier. If you need transport, please telephone Mary Merrett on 01372 379244.

Cake Sale Next weekend – this year's Confirmation Group will be holding a Cake Sale on the weekend of 16th/17th March to raise money for Cancer Research. Please give them your support and/ or bring in extra cakes to sell. Keep them in your prayers as they prepare to make their Confirmation on Sat 27th April at St Joseph's Epsom.

Real Easter Egg Launch 2019: each Egg includes a copy of the Easter story in the box, is Fairtrade and supports charitable causes. To allow us to continue to make The Real Easter Egg, we need people to continue to give Real Easter eggs. So we need a champion (maybe you) to collect orders and encourage people to buy directly from us. Last year hundreds of churches placed orders directly with us in quantities ranging from 12-1,000 eggs. Direct sales are very important for our company to trade. So we hope you will join the campaign and encourage people to buy directly from us. If you need marketing packs sent out to you, please email philip@meaningfulchocolate.co.uk

Celebrating Young People Awards: Nominations are now open for the fourth Celebrating Young People Awards. The awards –powered by Catholic charity Million Minutes – honour the achievements of young people across the country who make our communities a better place. There are eight award categories, which take their names from Catholic social teaching and recognise the enormous, often unseen, social action of young people. Parishes, schools and individuals in Arundel and Brighton Diocese are being invited to nominate young people. If you know an unsung hero or heroine or a group that have worked together to help their community put them forward for an award now at www.millionminutes.org/awards. Nominees will be invited to attend a special ceremony in London's West End in July. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be the guest of honour and present the Pope Francis Award to one lucky young person. At the 2017 awards 4 young people from St Edwards and St Luke's Parish, Keymer, West Sussex received the Cardinal Hume – Living out the option of the poor Award. More details can be found at www.millionminutes.org/awards. Nominations close on 24 May 2019.

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. For more information: caromking8@gmail.com

Happy Birthday to:

Arianna Atkinson 8 on Sunday
Amy Drysdale 12, Adriana Hajarha 2 & Harvey Lang 5
Hannah Rudrum 12 & William Zhou 4 on Tuesday
Oscar Gatt 6 on Wednesday
Flynn Luisis-Lynd 5 & James Ryan 9 on Thursday
Isla Bispring & Sophia Nendick 8 & Oliver Barnes 11 on Friday
Tailyne Kalekezi 12 & Gian Luca Ielpi 11 on Saturday

Book and DVD sale

A trolley will be in the porch each weekend for the sale of books and DVDs – all proceeds to CAFOD. Each item is priced at £1. This is a bring-and-buy project so feel free to donate DVDs and books you know longer want.

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!

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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 Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18;
Philippians 3:17-4:1: Luke 9:28-36

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1,360.31

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.*

Geraldine Offord Tel. 210127 #
Ann Clark Tel. 277324
Tesco shop # – (day to be arranged)

Rotas for Weeks Commencing:

Church Cleaning	10 th	Philippa Dupenois
	17 th	Keith Higgins
Sunday Coffee	10 th	Caroline King
	17 th	Maureen Anderson
Recorders	10 th	Peter and Veronica Exworthy
	17 th	Mary Merrett and Oliver Mee

Ministers' rotas

17th March 2019 - Second Sunday in Lent
Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
WM: Lillian Baldwin and Mavis Bazeley
R: Julian Ribet and Alan Waters
EM: Fina Tisi and Peter Tisi
Sunday 8.30 am
WM: Ruth Sydenham and Margaret McGarr
R: Martin O'Donovan and Keith Merrett
EM: Sheila Hayter and Garry Hayter
Sunday 10.30 am
WM: Denise Rouse and Rocio Opazo-Aniotz
R: Gill Gruzalski and Christine Smyth
EM: Susan Marsh and Maria Adams

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

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