

# ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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The office is open mornings from 9.30-1pm  
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## Second (Transfiguration) Sunday of Lent

*Count the stars if you can.* Genesis 15:5



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

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>** Weekday  
9.30am Matthew Cassar RIP

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup>** **St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
9.30am John & Corinne Bond RIP

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>** Weekday  
**9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church (No Mass)**

**Thu 21<sup>st</sup>** Weekday  
9.30am Ricky Byrne RIP

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>** Weekday  
9.30am **WAY OF THE CROSS (No Mass)**

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>** Weekday  
10.00am Robert Gosden RIP  
*Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15pm-5.45pm*

## Third Sunday of Lent

**6.00 pm** Michael Ahern RIP  
**8.30 am** People of the Parish  
**10.30am** Richard Cribb RIP

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Mavis Bazeley, 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

Seán MacAmhlaóibh, John Lane, Fr David Mead-Briggs,  
Matthew Cassar, Kenneth Higgins, Jaqueline Cowley,  
Rose Conway, Richard Aspinall, Maureen Botting,  
Oswald Gill

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

## My Dear Friends

The idea of giving up something for Lent is very common even among those who seldom if ever come to church. It can be a good discipline for all of us, a way to learn self-control, but that is not really what Lent is all about.

Lent is an invitation to draw closer to God. Everything that we do in Lent must be about our relationship with God.

We give up things that we normally enjoy in order to reflect on the fact that everything we have comes to us as a free gift from God. In our ordinary everyday lives a beautiful present from someone we love tells us how much we are loved and valued. It is the same with God's many gifts. It is all too easy to take what He has given us for granted. By going without them for the 40 days of Lent we are invited to reflect on the generosity and love of God and to appreciate God Himself.

If our small acts of self-denial result in saving money then we have a perfect opportunity to imitate God's love and generosity to others in need.

We have just begun the Season of Lent. Let me invite you here to think about what you might give up and to deepen your appreciation of God who is so rich in mercy.

With my love for each of you

**Fr Tony**

**Fr Charles Jefferies RIP** The Funeral Mass will take place at Christ the Prince of Peace, Portmore Way, Weybridge, on Tue 26<sup>th</sup> 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 – instead of or 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](mailto:TOC@worthabbey.net)). If you have any questions, do drop us an email [youngadults@wellspringbrighton.org.uk](mailto:youngadults@wellspringbrighton.org.uk) We look forward to seeing you there!

**CAFOD Family Lent Fast Day** This year the CAFOD Lent Family was 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 this 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.

## Jewish Passover – what does it mean?

On Tuesday 9th April, at 7.30pm in the Hall, Mike Freedman will give an interactive talk and demonstration about the Jewish faith and Passover

## 100 Club Winners for January and February

Jan Hanly, Michael Andrews, Caroline Fitzherbert and Judy Wynne-Jones

**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

**Cake Sale THIS weekend** – this year's Confirmation Group will be holding a Cake Sale 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.

**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](mailto:Anastasya.Beeston@gmail.com)). Volunteers to help set up would be greatly welcomed!

**Action in Africa** are travelling to Nyaishozi at the end of this month. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the Pens for Africa charity who have donated pens, crayons and pencils for Nyaishozi Primary School, which is desperate for stationery. We are putting a shout out for A4 notepads. Can anybody help? If you have some you could donate please email me at [actioninafrica.ashtead@gmail.com](mailto:actioninafrica.ashtead@gmail.com).

**If you use numbered weekly envelopes** to make your donations to the parish, envelopes for the new tax year may now be collected. 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. Charles Vosser Tel 274030

#### **INSPIRE 2019 - DAY FOR YOUTH LEADERS**

'INSPIRE' is the annual day for anyone who works with young people and young adults in a Catholic context, and anyone who is interested. It's happening on Saturday May 11th at St Joseph's Church, Redhill, 10am to 2.30pm. Tickets are £10. The day will include some time with the Bishop, as well as a series of presentations on important questions in youth and young adult ministry. To book head to [tinyurl.com/Inspire](http://tinyurl.com/Inspire) Bookings or Email [Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk)

**"The Creation" by Joseph Haydn** will be sung by Ashtead Choral Society at 7.30pm on Saturday 6th April at St Martin's Church, Epsom. If you would like tickets please contact Mary Merrett on 01372 379244. (£16 per ticket – under 21's FREE)

**The Leith Hill Musical Festival** takes place at Dorking Halls on 11th, 12th and 13th April and features no less than 12 local choirs. Full details of the evening concerts on those dates can be found on the poster in the porch. Tickets, from £12, can be obtained via the LHMF Box Office on 01403 240093.

**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](http://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](http://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; to 9th April. For more information: [caromking8@gmail.com](mailto:caromking8@gmail.com)

#### **Happy Birthday to:**

**Sofia Lawrence 10 on Sunday**  
**Josh Hanlon 4, Thomas Payne 11, Jacob Nendick 6,**  
**Chloe Chan Lok 4 on Wednesday**  
**Loracan Henderson 9 on Friday**  
**Brooke Thornton 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 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!

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

**Next Week's Readings** Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15;  
1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12; Luke 13: 1-9

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1266.45

**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	17 <sup>th</sup> .	Keith Higgins
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Angela Archer
Sunday Coffee	17 <sup>th</sup> .	Maureen Anderson
	24 <sup>th</sup> .	Caroline Fitzherbert
Recorders	17 <sup>th</sup> .	Mary Merrett and Oliver Mee
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Alan and Norma Kelly

#### **Ministers' rotas**

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass**

WM: Caitlyn & Harry George and Roberto Simonetti  
R: Geraldine Hardwick and Richard Leonard  
EM: Angela Archer and Alan Waters

#### **Sunday 8.30 am**

WM: David Warnock and Sally Yacob  
R: Anastasya Beeston and Carmen Yacob  
EM: Keith Higgins and Pauline Clark

#### **Sunday 10.30 am**

WM: Helen Adams  
R: Sara Brammall and James Close  
EM: Mary Merrett and Olivia Rodrigues

**You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to**  
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**to arrive by 9.30am on Friday morning**  
**or phone Steve Rouse on 818698**