

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

Third Sunday of Lent

*Leave it for another year; then perhaps
it will bear fruit.*

Luke 13:9

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



Mon 25th Annunciation of the Lord

9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Tues 26th Weekday

9.30am Rachel Kinneally RIP

Wed 27th Weekday

9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church (No Mass)

Thu 27th Weekday

9.30am Elizabeth Sullivan RIP

Fri 29th Weekday

9.30am Lillian and Hetty Hawley RIP
followed by

WAY OF THE CROSS

Sat 30th Weekday

10.00am Intentions of Rich Vossler
*Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and at
5.15pm-5.45pm*

Fourth Sunday of Lent

6.00 pm Gerard McCabe RIP
8.30 am Intentions of Maria Almeida
10.30am People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Mavis Bazeley, Emily Scarborough, George Stuart Baxter,
Bart Gruzalski, Sheila Hanks, Clare Derry,
Monica McAllister, Leonard Anderson, Pauline Hooper,
Fr Alan Sharpe, 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,
Margaret Cleere, Rachel Fulton and Michael Machese

and Monica Leonard, Vincent Murphy and
Veronica Johnstone who died recently
and all who need our prayers.

Please pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at about this time

Richard Cribb, Paul Coombes, Mary Taylor,
Josephine Hughes, Thomas Shepherd,
Roy Christopher Jones, Kathleen French, Rosina McGrath,
Elisa Pisa, Joan Bond, Maisie Baker and Gareth Keane
May they rest in peace, Amen.

My Dear Friends,

Next weekend at both the 6pm Mass on Saturday and the 10.30 am on Sunday Fr Philip Pak will celebrate the Mass and I will give a commentary on what happens at Mass and why. This is aimed particularly at the children preparing for First Holy Communion, but it ought to be helpful for everyone. The Mass links us across twenty centuries with the Last Supper of Jesus and the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

At the supper table Jesus made it very clear that he was about to give his life for us. He is the new Moses, sent by God to set all humanity free from the slavery of sin and death. By his death on the Cross and his rising from the dead he opens for us the way to new life.

Through the water of Baptism he shares his life with us, and we begin a journey that will lead us to the promised land of Heaven, union with God.

As we repeat the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper that saving event of Jesus death and Resurrection is not simply remembered but rather made present for us. The Eucharist, the Mass, is our Christian Passover. Here at Mass it is as if we're standing with Mary and John at the foot of the Cross, as Jesus offers his life for us. Here at Mass we offer ourselves and our lives with him.

I would ask you to make a special effort to be on time next weekend so that you can take part fully in our Sunday Mass. With my love for each of you

Fr Tony

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). If you have any questions, do drop us an email youngadults@wellspringbrighton.org.uk We look forward to seeing you there!

Fr Charles Jefferies RIP The Funeral Mass will take place at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge, on Tue 26th March at 12:00. Parking at the school and refreshments afterwards.

PPC Meeting Tuesday 26th March 8pm in the Hall

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

SUNDAY 7th April 3pm at Effingham
MONDAY 8th April 7.30pm at St Michael's
SUNDAY 14th April 3pm at Dorking

Amnesty letter: religious freedom in Russia

Please sign the letter in the porch asking the Russian authorities to allow a member of a church, Dennis Christensen, to have the freedom to continue to worship without fear, arrest or imprisonment

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

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

Father Tony writes: - There has been a lot of interest in last week's homily on the subject of abuse within the Catholic Church. If you missed it, or would like to read again what was said, a copy is now available on St. Michael's website.

The Bethlehem Nativity Group A missionary from The Holy Land will visit us on weekend 6th-7th April to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them will be greatly appreciated.

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

If you use numbered weekly envelopes to make your donations, envelopes for the new tax year may now be collected. If you give by standing order and have run out of the envelopes for one-off donations and second collections, please let me know. Charles Vosser Tel 274030

Cyclone Idai Humanitarian Relief Effort

Vital humanitarian relief is needed for the millions of people made homeless by the devastating effects of Cyclone Idai which has hit Southern Africa's Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. Much of the area is submerged by flood water and in Mozambique alone, there are fears that more than 1,000 people have died with the prospect of a much higher death toll in the area. Food, clean water, basic shelter and hygiene kits are required and action is already underway by CAFOD and other charities of the Disasters Emergencies Committee. To support this action, a retiring collection will be held next weekend (30th/31st March). Please be as generous as you are able and, if you can, please use Gift Aid to add 25 pence to every £ raised.

Free Furniture!!!!

We have some spare furniture going begging – a **corner unit, IKEA desk, etc...** please contact Alison in the office for details.

St. Peter's: will be hosting a **CAR BOOT SALE** at the school on 27 April 2019. Please book your pitch by emailing fosp2019@gmail.com £8 for a family car, SUV/MPV £10, Van £15. Set up from 9am. Buyers welcome from 10-1pm (£1 entry) Burger Van on Site for a tasty mid morning snack !! Closing date for booking a pitch is Friday 5th April 2019

INSPIRE 2019 - DAY FOR YOUTH LEADERS - 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 on Sat May 11th at St Joseph's, Redhill, 10am to 2.30pm. Tickets are £10. The day will include time with the Bishop, and a series of presentations on important questions in youth and young adult ministry. To book go to tinyurl.com/InspireBookings or Email Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk

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

The Leith Hill Musical Festival - at Dorking Halls on 11th, 12th and 13th April and features 12 local choirs. Details of the evening concerts are on the poster in the porch. Tickets, from £12, can be obtained via the LHMF Box Office on 01403 240093.

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

Happy Birthday to:

Jack Barry 1 on Monday

William Pearson 8, Sebastian Richardson 7 and

Noah Novoa Matos on Tuesday

Christopher Croyden 13, Isabel S 10 and

Kian Buckley 9 on Wednesday

Kate O'Neill 10 on Thursday

Adrienne May and Grayson Edward Hartridge 8 on Friday

Lucas De Vincentiis 9 on Saturday

WHOOOPS! Unfortunately, we forgot to collect the money from **CAFOD Fast Day** at 10.30 mass last Sunday. So we will be collecting it today. Please be as generous as you are able and gift aid if you can.

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 Joshua 5:9-12;
2 Corinthians 5:17-21: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

£££££££ Last week's offertory collection came to £1238.47 and the retiring collection for CAFOD raised £691.57

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	24 th	Angela Archer
	31 st	Maria Adams
Sunday Coffee	24 th	Caroline Fitzherbert
	31 st	Denise Rouse
Recorders	24 th	Alan and Norma Kelly
	31 st	Bill and Angela Archer

Ministers' rotas

31st March 2019 – Fourth Sunday in Lent
Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Mark McGaugh and Helen McGaugh

R: Nick Pisa and Ray Quinlan

EM: Andy Dutton and Philippa Dupenois

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Claire Hargadon and Margaret McGarr

R: Tom Dore and Judith O'Neill

EM: Sheila Hayter and Ruth Sydenham

Sunday 10.30 am

WM: Marina Channing Pearce

R: Benjamin Younger and Mike King

EM: Jacqui Shabankareh and Christine Smyth

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