

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

Fourth, Laetare, Sunday of Lent

His father was filled with compassion.
Luke 15:20



6.00 pm Gerard McCabe RIP
8.30 am Intentions of Maria Almeida
10.30am All our Mothers

Mon 1st Weekday
9.30am Sacred Heart of Jesus in thanksgiving

Tues 2nd Weekday
9.30am Intentions of Nicholas Baulch

Wed 3rd Weekday
9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church (No Mass)

Thu 4th Weekday
9.30am Intentions of Bina Bowen

Fri 5th Weekday
9.30am Brian Hamar RIP
followed by **WAY OF THE CROSS**
2.45pm Funeral Mass for Monica Leonard

Sat 6th Weekday
10.00am Intentions of Julie
Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15pm-5.45pm

Fifth Sunday of Lent

6.00 pm Ciara Orme RIP
8.30 am Intentions of Tony & Kay Fry – In Thanksgiving
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 all who need our prayers.

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

Michael Larkin, Douglas Anderson, Madeleine Bannon,
May Ryan, Robert Pratley, Carolina Kehyaian,
Angela Wilkinson, Ann Edmunds, Francis McParland,
Vera King, Jill Earl, Jane Genevier, Anna Harris,
Lilian Pratley, Elisa Pisa.
May they rest in peace, Amen.

My Dear Friends,

Today marks the midway Point of Lent. This Sunday is known as "Laetare Sunday", from the opening words of the Introit of today's Mass, "Rejoice Jerusalem". It is also "Mothering Sunday". With just three weeks to go till Easter, this is a good time to think about how we intend to make the most of this second half of Lent.

I have written already about the importance of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving in Lent. Even if you have not done much until now it is not too late to make a new effort. Again I encourage each of you who is free to do so to think of coming to at least one weekday Mass each week. There are many who could do so but never do. How much does the Mass really mean to us?

I would also like to encourage you to think now about the Liturgy of Holy Week.

There are still those people who come to Mass on Palm Sunday and then not again until Easter Sunday. The three great days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are the most important days in the Church's Year.

I encourage everyone to try to take part as far as you can in these very special services. I want to thank everyone in advance for all the hard work and loving devotion that goes into the preparations for Holy Week and Easter.

May God bless us all in these coming weeks.

With my love for each of you

Fr Tony

At 6pm and 10.30am Masses Fr Pak will celebrate and Canon Tony will commentate, ie. explain the significance of each part of the Mass.

Next weekend - The Bethlehem Nativity Group, A missionary from The Holy Land will visit us 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.

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!

RECONCILIATION SERVICES IN LENT

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,(today) so get your stories, poems, pictures, articles, anecdotes, announcements, advertisements etc etc to us here in the office, asap...Alison

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 this weekend. Please be as generous as you are able and, if you can, please use Gift Aid to add 25 pence to every £ raised.

The next charity Bridge Drive for Age Concern will take place on Tuesday, 2nd April. Doors open at 7 pm for start at 7.30 and entrance is £ 6 including refreshments and prizes. Every player is very welcome to this Chicago format scoring bridge play. For further information please ring Karin Rogers 01372 279606 or email rogerskarin@aol.com.

St Michael's Soup Lunch will be held, in the Church Hall, on Friday 5th April, A Selection of homemade soups, bread and desserts, with tea/coffee, all for a donation of £5, will be served between 12 noon and 1.30 pm. All money collected will be shared between CAFOD, the Princess Alice Hospice and Besom. The draw for the ACT Quilt Raffle will be held at the Lunch. All are welcome; bring your family, friends and neighbours to this popular social event.

Looking to sharpen your public speaking skills? Can you be the smile in someone's day? Would you give back to the church? We are always in need of more welcomers and readers during mass. Please contact Anastasya.Beeston@gmail.com, also there is a sign up form at the porch. Rota for May - August period is now being drawn up. Any existing ministers who have not yet got in contact with unavailable dates please do so now.

Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion led by The Right Reverend Paul Mason, Bishop of the Forces and Bishop responsible for Health Care Matters to the Bishop's Conference of England & Wales. on **SATURDAY 25th May 2019**, 10.00am – 4.00pm At St Teresa's Independent School, Beech Avenue Effingham Hill RH5 6ST
The day will start with Mass at 10.00am in the School Chapel at which Bishop Paul will commission and re-commission ministers followed by coffee/tea then a talk by Bishop Paul. Then time for recollection/reflection and lunch. At 2.00pm a further talk by Bishop Paul followed by a period for recollection/reflection with afternoon coffee/tea. The day will finish with Benediction in the School Chapel. There may also be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
(PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH)
(Tea & Coffee provided)

"The Creation" by Joseph Haydn will be sung by Ashted 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:

Oisin Boyle 7, Sadie Granger 9, Elliott Crouzet-Smith 7 Today!

Marie Pearce 12 on Wednesday.

Florence O'Shea 11, Harrison Chard 10 on Thursday.

Joseph Dunseath 9 on Friday.

Martha Barnhouse 13, Aoife Thorp 3 on Saturday.

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

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. Children age 2-10 welcome, there will be baby toys and refreshments. Thanks!

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 Isaiah 43: 16-21;
Philippians 3: 8-14; John 8: 1-11

££££££ Last week's offertory collection came to £1,513.9. This week we will collect for the **Cyclone Relief Effort by CAFOD**.

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.*

Angela Archer Tel. 374984

Denise Rouse 818698 #

Tesco shop # – (day to be arranged)

Rotas for Weeks Commencing:

Church Cleaning	31 st	Maria Adams
	7 th	Tom Dore
Sunday Coffee	31 st	Denise Rouse
	7 th	Mary Merrett
Recorders	31 st	Bill and Angela Archer
	7 th	Tom Dore and Charles Vosser

Ministers' rotas

7th April 2019 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Matthew Pattinson and Lillian Baldwin

R: David Gwyther and Fina Tisi

EM: Shane Murray and Peter Tisi

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Karin Rogers and Amanda Tybura

R: Angelika Tybura and Martin O'Donovan

EM: Judith O'Neill and Keith Merrett

Sunday 10.30 am

WM: Andrew Marsh and Susan Marsh

R: Mary Merrett and Steve Rouse

EM: Paul Gruzalski and Mary Merrett

You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to

newsletter@stmichaelashted.org.uk

to arrive by 9.30am on Friday morning

or phone Steve Rouse on 818698