

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Nor do I condemn you.
John 8:11



6.00 pm Ciara Orme RIP
8.30 am Intentions of Tony & Kay Fry
10.30am People of the Parish

Mon 8th Weekday
9.30am Brendan Martin RIP

Tues 9th Weekday
9.30am Intentions of Rich Vossler

Wed 10th Weekday
9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church (No Mass)

Thu 11th Weekday
9.30am Felix G Godinho RIP

Fri 12th Weekday
9.30am Felix G Godinho RIP
followed by **WAY OF THE CROSS**

Sat 13th Weekday
10.00am Felix G Godinho RIP
Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15pm-5.45pm

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

6.00 pm Michael Paul Cassar RIP
8.30 am People of the Parish
10.30am Intentions of the Rayment Family

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

Joan Bond, Maisie Baker, Gareth Keane, 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 and
Lilian Pratley
And Monica Leonard, Vincent Murphy and Veronica
Johnstone who died recently
May they rest in peace, Amen.

My Dear Friends,

On Monday evening several priests will be here at 7.30 for our Lent Reconciliation Service. I want to encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare for Easter. Last Sunday we listened to the parable of the Prodigal Son where Jesus makes clear that God is a loving Father, always eager to forgive us for our sins. Jesus gave to his first Apostles the authority to forgive sins. That authority has been handed on to the bishops and priests of the Church.

We can, of course, turn to God in prayer to ask forgiveness for our sins at any time. We recognise that we are all in need of God's mercy. At the beginning of every Mass we express our awareness of sin and our need for forgiveness, and the priest assures us of God's love and mercy.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession, allows us to put into words where exactly we have failed. Jesus has given us in this Sacrament a very human way of experiencing God's forgiveness. This is a conversation where as we make our Confession we can hear God's word of forgiveness on the lips of a fellow human being, the priest who represents Jesus and speaks in his name and with his authority.

I hope that even if it is a long time since your last Confession you will think of coming on Monday evening to celebrate this wonderful Sacrament with us.

With my love for each of you

Fr Tony

There will be a **Care Group Meeting** on Tuesday 9th April at 10.15 am in the Presbytery.

This 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!

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

MONDAY 8th April 7.30pm

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

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

Bingo - My Time

Our next friendly monthly bingo session is on **Wednesday 10th April at 2 pm in the Hall**. Bring a friend with you - the more the merrier and the bigger the winnings!

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/InspireBookings or Email Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk

The next **Men's Breakfast** will be on Saturday 13th April in St Michael's Church Hall. Our speaker will be Mick Duthie, from the Santa Marta Group, speaking on combatting modern slavery. We kick off at 08.00 am. Cereals & bacon butties breakfast for £3, with lashings of tea and coffee. All men are very welcome.

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.

Beginning Experience: *A weekend away for a lifetime of change:* 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

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>

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 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.

Epsom Light Opera presents **Hot Mikado** at Epsom Playhouse (tel 742555) on 9-13 April at 7.30 pm with a Sat. matinee at 2.30 pm. Gilbert and Sullivan with jazz. A musical comedy. (Epsom Medical Equipment Fund) collecting at interval and end of show.

Happy Birthday to:

Isabelle Busby 11 on Sunday
Scarlett Latham 9 on Monday
Thomas Novoa Matos 3 on Tuesday
Nicholas Naspi 10 on Wednesday
Jack Barrett 11 on Thursday

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

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 no longer want.

Retrouvaille:

A lifeline for married couples: Disillusioned or bored in your marriage? Unable to communicate with each other? Do you want to try again?
Retrouvaille helps couples nationwide work through challenging times. Email info@retrouvaille.org.uk

Next Week's Readings Isaiah 50:4-7;
Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

££££££ Last week's offertory collection came to £1,495.90. The total for last week's retiring collection in aid of the **Cyclone Relief Effort by CAFOD** currently stands at **£1,475.65**. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

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.*
Margret McGarr Tel. 277839 #
Maureen Anderson Tel. 272988
Tesco shop # – (day to be arranged)

Rotas for Weeks Commencing:

Church Cleaning	7 th	Tom Dore
	14 th	Philippa Dupenois
Sunday Coffee	7 th	Mary Merrett
	14 th	Denise Rouse
Recorders	7 th	Tom Dore and Charles Vosser
	14 th	Bill and Judith O'Neill

Ministers' rotas 14th April 2019 – Palm Sunday

Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
WM: Liz Williams and Brian Williams
R: Harry George and Peter Exworthy
R (Passion): David Gwyther and Philippa Dupenois
EM: Pauline Clark and Angela Archer
Sunday 8.30 am
WM: David Warnock and Sally Yacob
R: Carmen Yacob and Simon Williams
R (Passion): Judith O'Neill and Tom Dore
EM: Garry Hayter and Sheila Hayter
Sunday 10.30 am
WM: James Close and Amanda Walsh
R: Eva Walsh and Jessica Amos
R: (Passion) Christine Smyth and James Close (+bidding prayers)
EM: Caroline King and Olivia Rodrigues

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