

# ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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The office is open mornings from 9.30-1pm  
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Come, have your breakfast.*  
John 21:12



6.00pm People of the Parish  
8.30am Marie Sarff RIP  
10.30am Mickey Radice RIP

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> NO MASS**

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup>** Weekday  
9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> NO MASS**

**Thu 9<sup>th</sup>** Weekday  
09.30am Kate Vaughan RIP

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup>** Weekday  
9.30am Intentions of Philippa Dupénois

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup>** Weekday  
10am The Grogan Family  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
5.15 to 5.45pm only

### 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> May Fourth Sunday of Easter

6.00pm Mary Churchill RIP  
8.30am People of the Parish  
10.30am FHC children and their families

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

Mary Churchill, Yvonne McIntosh and  
Vincent McArdle

and John Saunders  
who died recently

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

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Vincent Smyth, Emily Scarborough, George Stuart Baxter,  
Bart Gruzalski, Sheila Hanks, Clare Derry, Michael Roche,  
Ginny Dadswell, 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 Machesse  
**and all who need our prayers.**

## My Dear Friends,

I want to draw your attention to a very important event in the life of the Church in England later this year. The Pope has approved the Canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman. This will take place in Rome, probably in October.

Newman was certainly one of the most significant Christian figures in 19th century Britain. As one of the founders of what became known as the Oxford movement he had a huge impact on the life of the Church of England.

It was in 1845 that he felt called to enter the Catholic Church. Despite his departure from the Established Church he was able to maintain many friendships there which continued until the end of his life.

As a Catholic he was ordained as a priest of the Oratory, the order founded by St. Philip Neri. As a theologian he had a huge influence on both Catholics and Anglicans in his life time, but even more so in recent years. In 1879 the newly elected Pope Leo XIII made him a Cardinal, a tribute to his theological significance, and his international reputation.

In his lifetime he was distrusted by many Catholics who thought him perhaps "a bit suspect". It has been said that he came into his own at the 2nd Vatican Council. Indeed Pope St Paul VI described Newman as a "Father of the Council."

The Canonisation of a British citizen is a very rare occurrence. In 1935 Pius XI canonised John Fisher and Thomas More. In 1970 Paul VI added forty of our Reformation martyrs to the calendar of Saints. We must hope and pray that the Canonisation of Cardinal Newman will be a time of grace for the Catholic Church in this country and an impetus for the renewal of our Church.

It will also be an important ecumenical occasion. There are already plans for joint celebrations in London and elsewhere to mark the event. It is a sign of the times that the Archbishop of Canterbury hopes to be in Rome for the Canonisation.

With my love and prayers for each of you.

**Fr Tony**

**Education of Future Priests** - There will be a retiring collection this weekend. Please be generous and use Gift Aid if you can.

Congratulations to our young people who were confirmed by Bishop Richard in Epsom last weekend. Their Going Forth Mass will be the 6pm Mass on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

### FHC Sundays, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May

First Holy Communion masses are at 10.30 on the next two Sundays.

All parishioners are welcome to attend (as always) but please be aware that there are 37 candidates over the two Sundays (it was 50 last year!) and many families have large numbers of extended family and friends coming, often travelling from a long way (Mexico the furthest I've heard so far!) who must, if possible, be given reserved seating. Therefore, there will be limited space for regular mass goers and you may find it difficult to get a seat. Prayer sponsors, you may like to attend this Mass on the Sunday when your child is taking FHC. There is a list in the porch showing on which Sundays the children are receiving FHC to help you with this. If not already done, please feel free to introduce yourself to your child at some point in this Mass.

To all prayer sponsors and parishioners, many thanks for your prayers so far and for those to come for our FHC children and their families. Pray also that we are able to give them wonderful, memorable masses in which they receive Communion for the first time!

Danny Lynch and the catechists



**Christ  
is Risen!  
Alleluia!**

**School Chaplains: Taste and See Sessions** - The need for every Secondary School to have a full-time Chaplain and for Chaplaincy to be available for every Primary School was identified in the Pastoral Plan. To help this happen, Bishop Richard Moth, and Father Stephen Ortiger, O.S.B., (Diocesan Chaplain Coordinator) will be holding a series of regional meetings for members of parish communities who would like to find out more about School Chaplaincy. These will run from 7 pm to 8.30 pm on Thursday 6th June at the Sacred Heart, Cobham, Wednesday 12th June, at the Holy Cross Priory, Heathfield, and Thursday 13th June at St John the Evangelist, Horsham. To reserve a place contact Claire Martin, CPD Administrator at the Diocesan Education Service [claire.martin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:claire.martin@abdiocese.org.uk) or ring Claire Martin on 01293 511130.

**ENCOUNTER EVENING (FOR 16-35s) AT ST DUNSTAN'S, WOKING, THURSDAY 9th May**  
The ENCOUNTER programme is about making friends and deepening faith in a relaxed, welcoming environment. There is food, music, inspiring talks, and powerful times of prayer and it's totally free. There's no need to book. We make a point of welcoming people and making sure nobody is left out, so if you're worried you've got nobody to come with, don't be - we'll look out for you! We've got a great speaker lined up for the first evening, and we're hoping this is something that will run for a long time.

**My Time Bingo** - enjoy good company, a little flutter and fun while raising money for **My Time**, a local group providing respite activities for youngsters with caring responsibilities for a family member. Our next bingo session is this **Wed, 8th May at 2pm in the Hall**. Bring a friend - the more the merrier! If you need transport, please telephone Mary Merrett on 01372 379244.

**Pentecost Family Day: Sunday 9th June** at St John's Seminary, Womersley. Please attend Mass in your parish in the morning and then join Bishop Richard from 1 pm. For more information contact Katherine Bergin at [katherine.bergin@dabnet.org](mailto:katherine.bergin@dabnet.org) or Tel: 01293 651152.

**The Meeting Room and 'Lunchbox'** Still tempted by too much Easter fare? Help is on hand! Donate surplus non-perishable food to The Meeting Room and Lunchbox, who provide local drop-in centres for the homeless and those otherwise down on their luck together with a food bank service to the needy. A collection basket is in the porch.

**Thank you!** Collecting at the Hot Mikado raised almost £450 for Epsom General! Epsom Light Opera will perform Jesus Christ Superstar in October, see you then, Dr Sylvia Roberts Trustee EMEF

**Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** led by The Right Reverend Paul Mason, Bishop of the Forces on **SAT 25th May**, 10.00am – 4.00pm at St Teresa's Independent School, RH5 6ST Beginning with Mass at 10.00am with commission and re-commission ministers followed by coffee/tea then a talk by Bishop Paul. Then recollection/reflection and lunch. At 2.00pm a further talk by Bishop Paul followed by a period for recollection/reflection with coffee/tea. The day finishes with Benediction. There may also be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH, Tea & Coffee are provided.

**SCHOOL CHAPLAIN & DEANERY YOUTH WORKER JOB IN WORTHING.** SALARY £30,000 Chatsmore Catholic High School and the participating parishes in Worthing Deanery are looking to hire an experienced youth minister for the above post, starting in September. Application deadline is May 20th. For an application pack, email [Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Happy Birthday to:**  
**Luke Surbutts 11, Ellis McManus 5, Alexander Heden 6, Henry Costello 5 and Harry Hare 11 on Sunday Madeline Hall 11 and Lucy Mitchell 12 on Tuesday Paolo Di Carlo 12, Harry Hare and Owen Mitchell 11 on Wednesday Harrison Beaudoin 2 on Friday Ava Jacob and Aiden Jacob 8 on Saturday**

**100 club winners** for March and April are Barbara Quinlan, Olivia Rodrigues, Rachel Daniels, Carole Appleford

The **next Bridge Drive** is to be held on Tuesday, 7th May, at 7.30 in the Church Hall, Doors open at 7.00. The charity will be the Sunnybank Trust in Epsom, a charity that supports people with learning difficulties. For more information and if you would like to come, please ring Karin Rogers 01372 279606, [rogerskarin@aol.com](mailto:rogerskarin@aol.com)

**Next week's Readings:** Acts 13:14, 43-52  
Apocalypse 7:9, 14b-17 John 10:27-30

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Last week's offertory collection was £1,289.97  
This weekend there is a retiring collection to help with the cost of educating future priests. Gift Aid can be used.

**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.  
Karin Rogers Tel. 279606 #  
Penny Weaver Tel. 270512  
Tesco shop # – (day to be arranged)

**Bible Survey** - The Diocesan Formation Team are asking people to take the survey from the Bishops' Conference about how you use the Bible. To take part click [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LDGRCYM?fbclid=IwAR2ug5rzMOX1CAHhpiQTOgZJangTpeSoMEjs2zHJfiRfh9v2rho3faZvrm0](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LDGRCYM?fbclid=IwAR2ug5rzMOX1CAHhpiQTOgZJangTpeSoMEjs2zHJfiRfh9v2rho3faZvrm0)

**Rotas for Weeks Commencing:**

Church Cleaning	5 <sup>th</sup>	Maria Adams
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Dore
Sunday Coffee	5 <sup>th</sup>	Gill Gruzalski
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Caroline King
Recorders	5 <sup>th</sup>	Alan and Norma Kelly
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Bill and Angela Archer

**Ministers' rotas**  
**12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass**  
WM: Maureen Chappell and Jean Wheeler  
R: Polly Ribet and Maureen Anderson  
EM: Fina Tisi and Peter Tisi  
**Sunday 8.30 am**  
WM: Margaret McGarr and Karin Rogers  
R: Garry Hayter and Keith Merrett  
EM: Sheila Hayter and Pauline Clark  
**Sunday 10.30 am**  
WM: Andrew Marsh and Susan Marsh  
R: Cara Heden and Mary Merrett  
EM: Gill Gruzalski and Caroline Balko

**You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to [newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk) to arrive by 9.30am on Friday morning or phone Steve Rouse on 818698**