

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*There was a multitude standing before
the Lamb with palm branches.*

Revelation 7:9



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

Mon 13th NO MASS

Tues 14th St. Matthias, Apostle
9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Wed 15th NO MASS

Thu 16th Weekday
12 noon Funeral for John Saunders

Fri 17th Weekday
9.30am Ivy & Henry Smith RIP

Sat 18th Weekday
10am Intentions of Margaret McArdle
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Only 5.15 to 5.45pm only

18th/19th. May Fifth Sunday of Easter

6.00pm John Cass RIP
8.30am Private Intention
10.30am FHC children and their families

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

Mary Keys, Connor Barrett, Owen O'Neill, Evelyn Kavanagh,
Albert Gathercole, Zena McCann, Richard Chawner,
Arthur Howard, Alice Poole, Eileen Powell-Davies,
Bruno Bettini, Marjorie Hearne, Wlad Zwolinski,
Constance Harrington, Rita Andrews, John Cass, Ivy Smith,
Philip Parsons

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,

This weekend and next we celebrate the First Holy Communion of 37 children from our parish. The programme that we follow now is one that involves the parents, and allows them to accompany their children as they prepare to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. I am very pleased with this new programme which we are using this year for the third time. I hope that it will renew the faith of the parents and encourage them to lead their children closer to the person of Our Lord.

I would ask each of you to pray for these children and their families. First Holy Communion should be the beginning of a life time of Communion with Christ. Sadly, there are some parents who seem to see it a rite of passage, a way to ensure a place in a good Catholic school. Many others have really entered into the programme and have found it helpful and inspiring.

It is the duty of parents to bring their children to know and love the person of Jesus. As Christians we need to develop a living relationship with Christ, nourished by prayer and the Sacraments. Children need to see that this matters to their parents and Godparents.

I invite you to pray for the children and their families that they can receive Christ with faith and love, and become his life-long disciples. I must also say a very sincere thank you to the catechists who have been so generous with their time during these last months of preparation. May the Lord bless our parish at this special time.

With my love and prayers for each of you.

Fr Tony

Confirmation. Mass at 6pm on Saturday 18th May is the 'Going Forth' Mass for the recently confirmed.

FHC Sundays, 12th and 19th 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!**

Ashtead Village Day Saturday 8th June 2019
Ashtead Churches Together Tea Tent

The combined Ashtead Churches will once again be running the Tea Tent and require lots of volunteers to serve teas for one hour during the afternoon and/or provide cakes. Offers of help will be much appreciated. We are also asking for Volunteers to help put up and dismantle the Marquee. Please sign up on the lists in the Church or ring James Close (01372 273554) or Cheryl Branch (07531 882399)
All our takings this year will be shared between 3 charities.

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 or ring Claire Martin on 01293 511130.

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 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.

Christian Aid week – 12th-18th May: Every day 10 women die from giving birth in Sierra Leone. Christian Aid's partners there want to increase the number of health centres and nurses. Please give what you can in the envelopes that come through your door and are collected by local volunteers.

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

Sunday Coffees - all are invited to come for Coffee/Tea/Squash in the Hall after 10.30am Mass.

Happy Birthday to:

Patrick Malcolm 6, Mathew Harish Lara 5 TODAY!
Henry Costello 5 on Monday
Beaudion Harrison 2 on Thursday
Tommy Richards 6 on Friday

Grandparents' Pilgrimage to West Grinstead: Wed. 12th June, from 10.30 to 3 pm. Mass with Bishop Richard and opportunity to visit the Secret Chapel. More information and to book at Rosie.Read@abdiocese.org.uk

Thank you to all who supported May's Soup Lunch. You raised £280 for CAFOD, The Princess Alice Hospice and Besom. The lunches have now raised a milestone total of £30,000 for charity. Please put Friday 7 June in your diaries for the next Soup Lunch.

Next week's Readings: Acts 14:21-27
Apocalypse 21: 1-5 John 13:31-33,34-35

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Last week's offertory collection was £xxxxxxx
Last week's retiring collection to help with the cost of educating future priests came to £xxx
Next weekend we will collect for the **missionary work of the Diocese**. 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=IwAR2ug5rzMOX1CAHhpiQTOgZJangTpeSoMEjs2zHJfRfh9v2rho3faZvrm0

Rotas for Weeks Commencing:

Church Cleaning	12 th . Tom Dore
	19 th . Philippa Dupenois
Sunday Coffee	12 th . Caroline King
	19 th . Maureen Anderson
Recorders	12 th . Bill and Angela Archer
	19 th . Tom Dore and Charles Vossier

Ministers' rotas

19th May 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Mark McGaugh and Helen McGaugh

R: Nick Pisa and Harry George

EM: Angela Archer and Shane Murray

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Amanda Tybura and Anastasya Beeston

R: Tom Dore and Angelika Tybura

EM: Judith O'Neill and Keith Higgins

Sunday 10.30 am

WM: Amanda Walsh and Radka Dodge

R: James Close and Eva Walsh

EM: Caroline King and Susan Marsh

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