

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I am the Alpha and the Omega.



Revelation 22:13

6.00pm Intentions of Ted Le Riche and Family
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Andrew and Elizabeth Robinson RIP

Mon 3rd St Charles Lwanga and Companions
9.30am Mickey Radice RIP

Tues 4th Weekday
9.30am Intentions of Paul Gruzalski

Wed 5th **NO MASS**

Thu 6th Weekday
9.30am Intentions of Terry and Theresa Grogan

Fri 7th Weekday
9.30am Intentions of Derek Amos
Followed by Adoration

Sat 8th Weekday
10am Karen Gill RIP
*Followed by
Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15-5.45pm*

8th/9th June – PENTECOST

6.00pm Intentions of Mark and Helen McGaugh
8.30am Intentions of the Cassar Family
10.30am People of the Parish

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

Kathleen Buxton, Michael Hall, Wyn Haynes,
Maria Palermo, Mario Schifano, Trudi Walsh,
Rev. John Brockman, Donald Cameron,
Tony O'Brian.

May they rest in peace, Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jill Kelly, 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 Machese
and all who need our prayers.

My Dear Friends,

This Sunday is a great day for the Catholics of Romania. Pope Francis, who is spending three days in the country, will today preside at a Solemn Mass to mark the Beatification of seven Romanian martyrs. His visit started on Friday in Bucharest, the Capital City, but today he is in the north of the country, where most of the Catholics belong to the Greek Catholic Church. The Greek Catholic Church has been in existence since 1700 when a number of Orthodox clergy and people asked to come into full Communion with Rome. Their Liturgy is the same as that of the Orthodox, and they have their own Eastern Canon Law, under which most of the Priests are married. When the Russians led a communist take-over in 1948 the country became a Marxist dictatorship. The Orthodox Church was tolerated but very much restricted in what it was allowed to do, while the Greek Catholic Church was outlawed. Greek Catholics were compelled to become Orthodox, and their churches were taken away from them and given to the Orthodox. The Greek Catholic Bishops were arrested along with many priests and religious as well as laity. The persecution was very severe and most of them died in appalling conditions. I have been going to Romania many times in the last 25 years, and I know how thrilled my friends there will be to see their martyrs honoured with Beatification. They are particularly delighted that Pope Francis is going in person for the ceremony. Please pray for them on this day of celebration. It is also a very good day to pray for those suffering persecution in so many parts of the world today.

With my love and prayers for each of you

Fr Tony

The Annual Festival of Flowers (Arundel Cathedral)

will be open to public view on Wednesday 19th June from 9.30am to 8.00pm and on Thursday 20th June from 9.30am until celebration of Mass at 5.30pm and the Blessed Sacrament procession to the Castle. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for admission and refreshments are available throughout both days in the Cathedral Centre, a short distance onwards from the St Mary's Gate pub.

Co-Workers of Mother Theresa will be meeting in the hall as usual on the first Wednesday of June between 2 and 4. If you would like to join our happy knitting and crocheting group please come along or if you have any spare double knitting wool you would like to donate to us we would love to receive it.

Safeguarding The next Deanery 'Initial Safeguarding Awareness' training will be at St Ann's, Banstead, on Thursday 20th June, from 7 - 9 p.m.

Please let the Parish Office know if you wish to attend. You can also book online via the Diocesan Website in the Safeguarding Section under Courses and Events.

This training is for *everyone* but particularly those who work with or minister to Vulnerable Groups (Children and Adults at Risk.) It is the expectation of the Bishop, Trustees and Safeguarding Commission that this initial training is undertaken and refreshed every three years.

New Volunteers should undertake the Initial Training within the first year of being appointed.

Praise in the Park

Saturday 15th June 2019 at 11.00am Lady Neville Park (*opposite Waitrose*) Avenue Road, Banstead

Rt. Rev'd Richard Moth Bishop of Arundel and Brighton will be speaking.

Come and see Redhill Gospel choir, several local school choirs and a magician amongst other participants

FREE BARBEQUE AFTERWARDS (*with presentation of service programme*).

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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

URGENT - HELP NEEDED PLEASE

We need lots more volunteers please to serve refreshments for one hour during the afternoon and/or make cakes. If you can spare an hour of your time to help serve our community, please sign up today 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.

HCPT Group 2, based in Leatherhead, and are looking for potential helpers who may wish to travel to Lourdes at Easter 2020.

If you would like to become a helper or would like more information, please call John-Paul Indoe (Group Leader) on 07787 327739 group2@hcpt.org.uk
Generally helpers for HCPT Easter pilgrimage would need to be a minimum age of 17 as they would be directly responsible for the care of a child, so slightly older than confirmation age. I think those of confirmation age travel with the diocesan pilgrimage in the summer as part of the "redshirts", but HCPT would definitely be something which would be of interest to those who travelled with the diocese in previous years, or adults of any age and even families who may wish to travel to Lourdes at Easter and would be able to be a helper or carer.
HCPT or Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust is a United Kingdom based charity which travels with disabled and disadvantaged children and adults on pilgrimage to Lourdes, France.

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

I will shortly be preparing a new rota for Sunday Coffees and would warmly welcome any new volunteers. It really is not an arduous task and the more we have on the rota the less often each person is on duty. Please give me a call on 379244- Mary Merrett

Care Committee Meeting – after Mass on Tuesday 4th June in the Priest's House

London SW Catholic Social Group is a group for Catholic adults (18 and over) to meet for regular social and networking events in a friendly and relaxed setting with the aim of making new friends, enjoying new experiences or just to socialise.
We can be found on Facebook – London SW Catholic Social Group or email londonswcatholicssocial@gmail.com

The next St Michael's Soup Lunch will be held in the Church Hall on Friday 7th June. A selection of homemade soups, bread, desserts and tea/coffee will be served between 12 noon and 1.30 pm, all for a donation of £5.

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.

Ashtead Choral Society Summer Concert is on **Sat 15th June at 7.30** in St George's Christian Centre and will focus on Transatlantic Melodies by Bob Chilcott, George Shearing and Aaron Copeland. Tickets at £14 each are available from Mary Merrett on 379244. Under 21's FREE.

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

Happy Birthday to:

Shayna Monteiro 13, Mark Seprey-Hozo 7,
Shaydon Wallace 2, Today!
Jessica Amos 12, Matthew Langmead 10, Rowan Bailey 7,
Alexdra Yiannis 4, on Tuesday
Erin Gaffney 13, Sofia Richardson 9, on Wednesday
Nicholas Merlini 9 on Thursday
Zac Hanlon 6, Sam Warburton 4, on Friday
Arianna Keun 9, on Saturday

COLLECTION RECORDING

I am delighted that one person has expressed an interest in helping with this essential job but we do always work in pairs so do please think about volunteering. – Mary Merrett 379244

Next week's Readings: Acts 2: 1-11

Romans 8: 8-17 Jn 14: 15-16, 23b-26 or Jn 20: 19-23

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Last week's offertory collection was £1,336.52
Today's retiring collection is for
the **Catholic Communications Network**

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.*

Anne Clark Tel. 277324 #

Pat Cass Tel. 274498

#Tesco shop - day and time to be arranged

World Communications Day 2019

World Communications Day takes place this year on Sunday 2 June. On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in Communications. Pope Francis reminds us that "God is not Solitude, but Communion; because love always communicates".

Rotas for Weeks Commencing:

Church Cleaning	2 nd	Angela Archer
	9 th	Maria Adams
Sunday Coffee	2 nd	McCormack/Russell Family
	9 th	Mary Merrett
Recorders	2 nd	Mary Merrett and Oliver Mee
	9 th	Alan and Norma Kelly

Ministers' rotas

8th/9th, June 2019 – PENTECOST

Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Lillian Baldwin and Bill Archer

R: Peter Exworthy and Julian Ribet

EM: Ted Le Riche and Angela Archer

Sunday 8.30 am

WM: Margaret McGarr and Amanda Tybura

R: David Gwyther and Angelika Tybura

EM: Judith O'Neill and Pauline Clark

Sunday 10.30 am

WM: Marina Channing Pearce

R: Sara Brammall and Cara Heden

EM: Christine Smyth and Maria Adams

You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to
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to arrive by 9.30am on Friday morning
or phone Steve Rouse on 818698