

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

The Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas

Simeon took the child into his arms
And praised God.
Luke 2:28



6.00pm People of the Parish
8.30am Sheila O'Brien RIP
10.30am Intentions of Fr Tony

Mon 3rd Weekday
9.30am Intentions of Joyce Fiske

Tues 4th Weekday
9.00am Margaret Cleere RIP

Wed 5th **NO MASS**

Thu 6th **NO MASS**
9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri 7th **NO MASS**

Sat 8th **NO MASS**

8th/9th Feb The Fifth Sunday of the Year

6.00pm Betty Hughes RIP
8.30am Intentions of the Dore Family
10.30am People of the Parish

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

Austin Churchill, Joe Hilley, Nan Wood, Edward Ormston,
Kathleen Field, Monica Parsons, David Haydock,
Roy Hamilton, Mary Crosby, Christina Cach,
Theresa Edmonston, Peter Cunningham, Joyce Margetts,
Patrick Gordon, Edward Cleere, Hubert Fitzgerald
and Helmut Jaklitsch

May they Rest in Peace

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Genevieve Rodrigues, daughter of Olivia and Gary,
Leonard Anderson, Aloysius Keeley, Vincent Smyth,
Emily Scarborough, George Stuart Baxter, Bart Gruzalski,
Sheila Hanks, Sarah Bishop, Clare Derry, Michael Roche,
Pauline Hooper, Elizabeth Samson, Fr Alan Sharpe,
Bill Danson, Jean Rawlinson, Kay Fry, Margaret Beeby,
Anne Burman, Alfredo Sheffield, Nina Grant, Barbara Long,
Johanna Rainsbury, Stephen Sullivan,
Rachel Fulton and Michael Machese
and all who need our prayers.

My Dear Friends,

On Tuesday of this week I shall be at St. John's Seminary Womersley, for the annual celebration of their patronal feast of St. John. When I was a student, starting in 1965 (!), we kept the feast on the actual date, December 27th. This meant, of course, staying at Womersley for Christmas. We did that for the last time in 1968. Times were changing, and going home for Christmas was a big change.

Since then we have kept St John's Day early each new year. It is still a special occasion with a Solemn Mass followed by a festive lunch. It is a rather simpler affair than in the past, but it always good to go back, not just to revive old memories but more importantly to meet the next generation of priests.

It is encouraging, for me certainly, to meet those who are offering themselves for the priesthood today. The world has changed so much since I began at Womersley, and the Church too is in a very different place. To set out on the road of discerning a priestly vocation today requires courage and a strong faith.

It is not easy to see how the Church will evolve in coming years, but I find among the present generation of students energy and enthusiasm underpinned by a real commitment to prayer.

I would ask you to pray for them as they journey towards the priesthood, and to pray that more might follow in their footsteps

With my love and prayers for each of you

Fr Tony

Cake Sale this weekend to help fund the Confirmation programme.

Next baptism course – 11th February, 7pm in the Hall

Applications for Lourdes 2020 are live!

The online application form for those applying as a helper, chaplain, member of the medical team or as a pilgrim who needs no assistance, ring 01403 740110. If you would like to come to Lourdes as an Assisted Pilgrim, please contact the Pilgrimage Office who will post a form to you;
Email: office@ablourdes.org
T: 01403 740110

'Ecumenical Mental Health Project'. Green for Go! Go for Help! Please see the poster on the Church notice board giving details of services available for people in crisis. This time of year can be difficult for many people, these contacts might help the person sitting next to you in the church or someone you meet in the street. As you leave the church why not take a photo of the poster to store on your phone? If you are interested in the Mental Health Project do get in touch:
catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk

Do you enjoy singing? The choir would love you to join them. You don't need to be able to read music. We practise on twice a month on Thursdays and sing once a month at the 10:30 Mass. If this is something that you fancy getting involved with for 2020, then please call Carole on 07962171695.

The next Charity Bridge Drive will take place on Tuesday 4th February in the church hall. Doors open at 7pm for start at 7.30. Entrance is £6 per person including refreshments and bridge prizes. The benefitting Charity this month is the Princess Alice Hospice.
It's a friendly evening and every bridge player is welcome. The scoring format is Chicago.
For more information please ring Karin Rogers 279606 or email rogerskarin71@gmail.com

Taketime is returning on Monday 3rd February at 7.30pm
50 Taleworth Road, Ashtead, KT21 2PY
A time for reflection and encounter with Jesus.
details from Sue Marsh 277089 or Caroline King 277140

Evening Prayer for Divorced, Remarried & Separated:
Sun. 23rd February, at 3 pm: All those in our parish communities who may be divorced, remarried or simply separated, are warmly invited to come together with Bishop Richard at St. John the Evangelist Church in Horsham for afternoon tea, conversation and the celebration of Evening Prayer, which will conclude the afternoon. To give us some idea of numbers, please send through the name(s) of those who are coming along. You can send the information to Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD is looking for volunteers to work with young people; with a commitment to CAFOD's aims and values and an interest in sharing our work in secondary schools, delivering assemblies or workshops. CAFOD will provide training and support, and expenses will be paid. Volunteering assignments will be in local Catholic schools. For further information: T: 01483 898 866
[E: arundelandybrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:E.arundelandybrighton@cafod.org.uk) or visit:
<https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Volunteer-with-us/Education-volunteer>

I will be swimming a mile for the **Meeting Room** in February. Please sing the sheet in the back of church if you want to support this charity. **Paul Gruzalski**

Week of Guided Prayer

Epsom & Redhill Deanery Sun 15th - Fri 20th March 2020
The Week begins with an Opening Service on Sunday 15th March at 4.00 pm at St Michael's Church, Ashtead and concludes with a Closing Service on Friday 20th March also at St Michael's.
Further details are in the booking forms in your Church or you can email John Roberts, one of the co-ordinators, for more information johnandmau@yahoo.co.uk

Soup Lunch - Friday, 7 February. A selection of homemade soups, bread and desserts with tea and coffee, all for a donation of £5, will be served between 12 noon and 1.30 pm in the Church Hall. All money collected will be shared between CAFOD, the Princess Alice Hospice and Besom. All are welcome. Invite your family, friends and neighbours to enjoy St Michael's hospitality.

Ashtead United Charity have a one bed room self-contained flat available in Ashtead for a female over 55 with Ashtead connections. £ 524 pcm. For further details contact the Charity's Clerk Mary Cooper 01372 273489

Home help

A professional couple is looking for help with house work, chores and care for a small dog and cat plus house sitting from time to time in a 5 bedroom house in The Lanes. Circa 6 hours every Wednesday plus other times as needed. Salary rate for discussion.

Contact Charlotte on 07970 845451

Suggestions for Lent (I know, I know)

Usually in Lent people choose to give up chocolate or something similar, but we thought of using the opportunity to mobilise the community regarding environmental issues.
Option 1 - Go vegetarian two days a week
Option 2 - Have two 'car free' days a week
Option 3 - Reduce shower time to 5 minutes
Option 4 - Turning the taps off whilst you brush your teeth (we're aiming this one at kiddies!)

Option 5 - Don't buy bottled water or takeaway coffee cups.

Happy Birthday to:

Isabelle Cowper 12, Katie Dutton 6 and Kacey Stokes 10 on Sunday
Harry Adams 12, Cian Tilley 11 and Ellen Russell 12 on Monday
Liam Hutchinson 9 and William Gregory 8 on Tuesday
Kian James Toledo 7 on Wednesday
Angelika Tyburn on Thursday
Cian Tilley 11 on Saturday

REPOSITORY – We are looking to recruit 2 more helpers to sell the cards etc at any Mass; if you think you could do this very small job before and after Mass one Sunday a month, please contact the Parish office smichaeloffice@gmail.com 01372 272267

Next week's readings Isaiah 58:7-10;
1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

Travelling Crib loses four figures !!! Unfortunately, four figures from the Travelling Crib have been lost! It appears they went missing while the crib was displayed in the Church. Please, if anyone had any information on their whereabouts call the Parish office.

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Offertory Collection last week came to £1,302.63



I'm sure you'll all be delighted to know that Genevieve is home now with Gary and Olivia and doing well. Thank you all for your continued prayers and good wishes.

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.

Philippa Dupenois Tel. 810246
Pat Cass Tel. 274498 #
Tesco shop - day and time to be arranged

Rotas for Weeks Commencing:

Church Cleaning	2 nd Feb	Clare McLean
	8 th Feb	Maria Adams
Sunday Coffee	2 nd Feb	Mary Merrett
	8 th Feb	Gill Gruzalski
Recorders	2 nd Feb	Bill and Judith O'Neill
	8 th Feb	C Vosser and C Risbey

Ministers' rotas – 8th/9th February – Fifth Sunday of the Year Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Felix Grimmer and Matthew Pattinson
R: Harry George and Maureen Anderson
EM: Shane Murray and Philippa Dupenois
Sunday 8:30 am
WM: Margaret McGarr and Sally Yacob
R: Jessica Amos and Judith O'Neill
EM: Keith Higgins and Keith Merrett
Sunday 10:30 am
WM: Alick Friend and Armi Stokes
R: Daisy McBride and Christine Smyth
EM: Gill Gruzalski and Paul Gruzalski

You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk to arrive by 9.30am on Friday morning