

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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The office is CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Please ring Fr Tony on the number above in an emergency.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Intentions

Sat 15 th	6.00pm	Intentions of Margaret McArdle
Sun 16 th	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	People of the Lebanon
Mon 17 th	Weekday	
9.30am		Intentions of Teddy & Colette Totman
Tues 18 th	Weekday	
9.30am		Alison Davis RIP
Wed 19 th	NO MASS	
Thurs 20 th	St. Bernard	
9.30am		Gervais Chan-Lok RIP
Fri 21 st	St. Pius X	
9.30am		Intentions of Terry Grogan
Sat 22 nd	The Queenship of the BVM	
10am		FHC Families
22nd/23rd	August 2020	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sat 15 th	6.00pm	Intentions of Mark & Helen McGaugh
Sun 16 th	8.30am	Virginia Dadswell RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Mavis Bazeley, Philip MacDonald, Margaret McArdle,
Myra Vanner, Sylvia Crampin, Clare Derry,
Peggy Brogan, Vincent Smyth,
Emily Scarborough, George Stuart Baxter,
Bart Gruzalski, Sheila Hanks, Sarah Bishop,
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.

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

John Manning, Kevin McCarthy,
May Looney, John McAllister,
Dora Hamilton, Ruby Gleeson,
Emile Jean Zahra and Mary Edmonston

May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

The sad news from Beirut and the deteriorating situation in Lebanon is a timely reminder that peace is threatened in many parts of the world. Our media, obviously covers the COVID-19 pandemic with close attention.

The crisis is real enough, and the consequences for so many people really awful. At the same time it can seem that we don't hear enough about what is happening elsewhere. The situation in the Yemen and in South Sudan is desperate, and the effects on the lives of ordinary people are terrible.

At the very least these poor people have great need of our prayers.

One story that does not get the attention it deserves is the growing persecution of Christians and Moslems in China. Among the truly evil governments in the world today China under the Chinese Communist Party must rank very highly. The treatment of the Uighurs is very reminiscent of the Nazi treatment of Jews in the years leading up to the War. I am normally suspicious of comparisons with the Nazis, but in this case the comparison is all too close.

At the same time both Catholics and Protestants are being persecuted with a new brutality. There is a huge gap between the public statements of the Chinese Government and the oppressive policies it actually pursues. I will write more about this later, but again prayer for those who are suffering at the hands of evil men is surely a duty for us.

With my love and prayers for each of you,

Fr. Tony

Face Coverings

Face coverings are now mandatory in Places of Worship. All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet. *(See Page 5, Masks for Sale)*

Advance Warning

There will be NO MASSES during the weekend of 29th/30th August. There will be Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.

The Trumpet – September edition

If you would like to contribute anything at all to the September edition of the Parish Magazine, please do get in touch by email smichaeloffice@gmail.com Or just post something through the post box outside the Parish Office.

I'm sure there must be lots of strange lock down stories good, bad, funny, sad, reflective etc etc please do share! *Alison*

Next Baptism Course on Tuesday 22nd of September 2020 in the Hall at 7pm.

Please note that you must email the Office smichaeloffice@gmail.com to book your place as we will be limited because of social distancing. Please make sure you are registered with us for 6 months before making a booking.

From **Gospel reading for 20th Sunday of the Year:**
And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!"

Reflection:

The Canaanite (Gentile) woman comes to plead for her tormented daughter. Her hunger and need are great. She comes to Jesus, the source of nourishment and healing. She is considered an outsider and not one of "the chosen." But she is focused on Jesus and will not be dissuaded. She represents each of us today hungry for the bread from the table and longing for God.

So, we ask ourselves:

- Where and when in our lives have we experienced being an "outsider?"
- Who offered us a welcome?
- Shall we give thanks today for the welcome we received?

Request from the Police

The Police have requested that the attached poster, concerning Sophie Odere, be displayed in churches. This request has been made because Sophie Odere is known to be a practising Catholic. The photograph may be helpful to you in identifying her in the event that she appears at your door.

The Thursday evening prayer meetings on Zoom (each Thursday at 7pm for half an hour) are still going strong. They always begin with prayers for the pandemic but now, each week, we pray for something close to the heart of a particular parishioner, or family. The parishioner reads something to help our understanding and then prays about the issue, leaving time for all those present to quietly meditate on the issue in the presence of God. So far; Deacon Dave has led a meditation on the words of John Henry Newman; and parishioners have shared concerns and prayers about Prisoners, Food Poverty and Local Business. Coming up we have sessions devoted to CAFOD, Yemen, and meditations based on the Rosary and Stations of the Cross. We pray that these sessions are deepening our prayer and broadening our understanding of what God wants us to do and be in the World. If you would like to lead a session about an issue close to your heart, that would be wonderful. Do please contact Karen on k.lynych4@btinternet.com. Or, if you would like to join these meetings, please email smichaeloffice@gmail.com

Parish Communications Do keep an eye on our Social Media **Visit St. Michael's Parish website**

<http://www.stmichaelashtead.org.uk/>

Face Book Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/289562958175720>

YouTube Channel (live streaming of Masses)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLYg/

Telephone support for the bereaved.

If you have been recently bereaved and you'd like to talk to someone but aren't able to do so or don't want to leave the house, we have members of our bereavement team who are able to offer you telephone support. If you would like to talk to someone then please contact the Parish office by email smichaeloffice@gmail.com let us know your telephone number and a good time to ring and one of the bereavement team will get back to you as soon as possible.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Thomas Jenkins 4 on Monday,
Amelia Ware 11 on Wednesday,
Sofia Polo Formoso 6 and Verity Koxvold 9 on Thursday,
Charlie Crimi Turner 4 and Toby Pierce on Friday
Jesse Townsend 11 and Nathan Davies 8 on Saturday

Ministers' rotas

15th August –Assumption of the BVM
Saturday 6.00pm

WM: Lisa Laguarda & Jessica Lagurda

R1 Alan Waters

Sunday 8:30 am

WM: Margret McGarr & Penny Weaver

R1 Simon Williams

Sunday 10:30 am

WM: Christina Bellini and Tala Gogy

R1 Daisy McBride

22nd August –21st Sunday of the year

Saturday 6.00pm

WM: Harry and Jan Cassar

R1 Ted Le Riche

Sunday 8:30 am

WM: Rocio and Santiago Opazo-Aniotz

R1 Martin O'Donovan

Sunday 10:30 am

WM: TBA

R1 Gill Gruzalski

If you are able to be a welcomer or reader at the moment please contact the office smichaeloffice@gmail.com

This Week's Readings:

Revelations 11:19; 12:1-6; 10; Psalm 44:10-12, 16 r.10

1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

You can see these readings at:

<https://www.universalis.com/20200815/mass.htm>

Online Giving – Coronavirus

When our Church was closed, the Coronavirus affected us materially as well as spiritually. Bills keep coming, but income is significantly down.

A good many parishioners give via standing order. If you can do this, it simplifies the admin and is great for self-distancing!

For more details email smichaelweb@gmail.com

About half the week's income usually arrives via the collection baskets so we are missing that. The Diocese has set up a web page for online giving. The web link for this donation page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory>

The money will come into the Diocese and then be sent to the parishes accordingly. **So don't forget to name the parish, area or priest when donating.**

For more info, contact Laura Maydew-Gale E:

comunications@abdiocese.org.uk T: 07552 249 829

Do you need any painting/decorating/bathroom fitting done?

Speak to Pierre Abi Sleiman, a church member for many years, ring 07711 252843 or 01372 278272

You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to

newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk

to arrive by 9.30am on Friday morning

The Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust is a charity - No. 252878

Welcome back to St Michael's for Private Prayer and Mass

We are open for private prayer subject to the following -

- Please adhere to social distancing rules at all times. Remember, you are responsible for your own safety and the safety of others.
- Hand sanitizer gel is provided – please use it on entrance and exit.
- Available seats in centre benches have been marked.



- Side benches are for use primarily by families and households.
- Before leaving the church, please clean the area you used. Anti-viral spray is provided at rear of church. Please take care to spray areas touched. Paper towels should be placed in the lined bin provided.
- Toilet facilities are not available during this period.
- Votive candles cannot be made available at the moment.
- Entry and exit will be via the same doors – adhering to distancing rules.
- Doors will remain open at all times to reduce physical contact and maintain airflow.
- If you have any Flu-like symptoms, fever, cough, sneezing etc, please do not enter.
- Please ensure that your children are under control and remain with you at all times.
- Unaccompanied children are not allowed into the church at this time

Sophie Odere

We have been requested by the Diocese and Police to Display this image of 15-year-old Sophie Odere who is currently missing. It is thought that she May seek refuge in a Catholic Church.

MISSING



Age at disappearance: **15**

Date missing: **13 Jul 2020**

Missing from: **Morecambe, Lancashire**

Sophie we are here for you whenever you are ready; we can listen, talk you through what help you need, pass a message for you and help you to be safe.

Sophie Odere

Please call or text 116 000

It's free, 24hr and confidential

or email 116000@missingpeople.org.uk or write to **FREEPOST Missing People**

To help Missing People bring Sophie to safety
text **HOPE** to **70707*** to donate £3

*Texts cost £3 plus your standard network charge. Missing People receives 100% of your donation. Obtain the bill payer's permission. Customer care 020 8392 4571.

To join the appeal for Sophie visit
www.missingpeople.org.uk/help-us-find

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people**

Registered Charity No. 1026419

Masks for Sale

- and it's in a good Cause!

The creative card ladies of St Joseph's, Epsom are making good re-usable face masks. Now that face coverings are mandatory in shops and soon in churches too it is a wonderful time to support this venture. So far we have raised over £2,000 for The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary's work in Zambia with children with learning difficulties and their families.



The face coverings are made in three different sizes, ladies, men's and children's. They are made from 100% cotton. They have 3 layers of fabric meeting the WHO recommendation with a special filter sheet in the centre. They also have a nose clip and can be washed at high temperatures making them useable again and again. The cost/suggested donation for each mask is £5.

Mary Makinson is kindly taking the orders and delivering the masks.

Here are her details:

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