

# ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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## The Epiphany of the Lord

Arise and shine your light has come.  
*Isaiah 60:1*



### 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> January – The Epiphany of the Lord

6.00pm James & Catherine O'Shea RIP  
8.30am People of the Parish  
10.30am John Fulton RIP

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Weekday after Epiphany  
9.30am John and Constance King RIP

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Weekday after Epiphany  
**11.00am Funeral Mass for Theresa Grogan**

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Weekday after Epiphany  
**No Mass**

Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Weekday after Epiphany  
9.30am Fiona Ryan RIP

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Weekday after Epiphany  
9.30am Kate Vaughan RIP

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Weekday after Epiphany  
**10.00am** Intentions of Toni and Elizabeth Lee

11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> **The Baptism of the Lord**  
6.00pm Joanne Smith-Carter RIP  
8.30am People of the Parish  
10.30am Mary Taylor RIP

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

Mary Hancock, Madeleine Alder,  
Doreen O'Brian, Loraine Sheehan,  
John Earl, Patricia Dobbe,  
John Fulton, Emily Traboulsi,  
Ellie Wenman, Norah Adamson,  
Julia Perkin, Eileen Torpey  
And Breda Clarke

**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,  
Mary Turner, Johanna Rainsbury, Stephen Sullivan,  
Rachel Fulton and Michael Machese  
**and all who need our prayers.**

My Dear Friends,

I want to say thank you to everyone who helped to make Christmas here at St. Michael's such a beautiful celebration.

I won't attempt a list although I tried last weekend to mention everyone. I would also like to repeat my thanks for your generosity both in the Christmas collection and in the many cards and gifts I received. I am very grateful to Bishop Richard for appointing me as your Parish Priest.

This letter gives me the opportunity to let you know that the Bishop will be making an official visitation of the parish in January. He will be here on the weekend 18th/19th January, and will be present at all three Masses.

I will give you more details about the weekend very shortly but I wanted this weekend to let you know the dates. I hope that you can all be involved in one way or another.

Finally, I want to ask your prayers for Theresa Grogan who died on December 27th. She and Terry have been actively involved in the parish for many years. Theresa was a great character with a wonderful sense of humour, and at the same time a woman of deep faith. Her funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 7th January at 11 am. I am sure that her many friends will want to be here to commend her to Our Father in Heaven.

With my love and prayers for each of you.  
Fr Tony

Funeral Mass for Theresa Grogan on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 11am**, here at St Michael's followed by refreshments in the Hall. All welcome. Donations in Theresa's memory may be payable to CAFOD either online at: [www.funeralguide.co.uk/71552](http://www.funeralguide.co.uk/71552) or cheques c/o Alan Greenwood & Sons, 25 The Street, Ashted, Surrey KT21 1AA



May she rest in peace



## Bereavement Café

A place to talk with people who understand.  
St Mary's Church Hall  
10a The Ridgeway  
Fetcham, Surrey KT22 9AZ  
Starting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and thereafter  
First Wednesday of each month  
From 10am to 11.30am  
For more information please call Karen on  
01372 375000 between 9am and 12 noon  
In partnership with Princess Alice Hospice



[pah.org.uk/bereavement](http://pah.org.uk/bereavement)

**Rota** for Welcomers, Readers and Eucharistic ministers for the period Jan-Dec 2020 is now available, extra copies are available in the porch.

**'The Meeting Room' and 'Lunchbox'** Are you still being tempted to overindulge by too much Christmas fare? Have you received so many toiletries that you now have a complex that family and friends may be telling you something? Well help is on hand! You can donate your surplus non-perishable food and toiletries to 'The Meeting Room' and 'Lunchbox', both of which 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.

**Last few remaining copies of the *Christmas Trumpet*** are available. Suggested donation of a £1

#### **Bingo - My Time**

Have you spent too much over Christmas and would welcome some extra cash? Well why not have a little flutter, while raising money for **My Time**, a local group providing respite activities for youngsters with caring responsibilities for a family member. All you have to do is come to our next friendly monthly bingo session this coming **Wednesday afternoon, 8th January at 2pm in the Hall**. Why not bring a friend with you - the more the merrier and the bigger the winnings! If you need transport, please telephone Mary Merrett on 01372 379244. Many thanks, Phil Ward

**Parish Environment Captain sought!** To be a rep for the Ecological Conversion Group, acting as a contact for your parish, distributing our materials at Mass  
Our first magazine was sent out on the 1st Sunday of Advent for the Launch of "The Journey to 2030" which the diocese of Arundel and Brighton has committed to in tackling our ecological crisis. To find out more, visit the 'about us' section of the Journey to 2030 site. Please email John Paul de Quay ASAP at: [info@journeyto2030.org](mailto:info@journeyto2030.org)

**Besom.** A handful of Volunteers is needed to help tidy an Ashtead Resident's small garden, 2-3 hours work, in January. Mostly hedge and lawn trimming. Refreshments provided. To join the Team, please call James Close on 01372 273554.

Don't forget to put your names down as a sponsor for the FHC and Confirmation groups for this year.

**Bereavement Masses:** check the newsletter throughout the year for these Masses; also starting in January, the last Friday of the month in the Hall from 11am-12noon we will be holding Bereavement Sessions where there will be cup of tea waiting for you, a smile and a listening ear.

**100 club winners** for October and November 2019 were: Emily Thorne and Doreen Peters  
Rachel Daniels and Michael Andrews  
The draw for December will be during coffee time in the Hall after 10.30 Mass today.

Diocesan directories 2020 are available in the repository if anyone would like to buy one for £5



**WE WISH A HOLY AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO  
ALL PARISHIONERS  
AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

#### **Happy Birthday to:**

**Harry George 12 on Sunday**

**Connie Draper 11 on Thursday**

**And Keara Townsend 12 and Connor McLean 11 on Saturday**

**REPOSITORY** – At 6pm Mass on Saturday evening we are looking to recruit 2 more helpers to sell the cards etc; 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](mailto:smichaeloffice@gmail.com) 01372 272267

**Crib offering 2019:** This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants.

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Offertory Collection 22<sup>nd</sup> December raised £1,337.54  
And on 29<sup>th</sup> December raised £1,299.43

**New Parishioners** - If you are new to the Parish we hope that you have been made welcome. If you have not already done so, it would be helpful if you would complete a green registration form (to be found in the porch) and deliver it to the Parish Office so that parish records can be kept up to date.

**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.*  
16th to 29th Dec IN EMERGENCY ONLY  
Keith Merrett Tel. 379244  
Karin Rogers 279606 #  
#Tesco shop - day and time to be arranged

#### **Rotas for Weeks Commencing:**

Church Cleaning	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tom Dore
	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Philippa Dupenois
Sunday Coffee	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Caroline Fitzherbert
	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	McCormack / Russell Family
Recorders	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Alan and Norma Kelly
	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Bill and Angela Archer

#### **Ministers' rotas 12<sup>th</sup> January – Baptism of the Lord Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass**

WM: Helen McGaugh and Mark McGaugh  
R: Richard Leonard and Julian Ribet  
EM: Peter Tisi and Ted Le Riche

#### **Sunday 8:30 am**

WM: Margaret McGarr and Rocio Opazo-Aniotz  
R: Garry Hayter and Simon Williams  
EM: Keith Merrett and Judith O'Neill

#### **Sunday 10:30 am**

WM: Marina Channing Pearce and James Close  
R: Kathryn Casson and Mike King  
EM: Paul Gruzalski and Mike King

**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**