

# ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

## The Baptism of the Lord

Yet even now return to me with  
your whole heart Joel 2:12



6.00pm Joanne Smith-Carter RIP  
8.30am People of the Parish  
10.30am Mary Taylor RIP

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
9.30am Intentions of Caroline Balko

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
9.30am Intentions of Terry Grogan

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> No Mass**

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
9.30am Freda Francis RIP

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> St Antony, Abbot  
9.30am Mary Serafi RIP

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Weekday after Epiphany  
**10.00am** Mickey Radice RIP

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>. **Second Sunday of the year**  
6.00pm Ned & Nellie Kelly RIP  
8.30am People of the Parish  
10.30am Kitty Burns RIP

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

Grace Goldie  
Matthew Kiernan  
Mary McDonald  
Moirra Swarbrick  
Harry Bishop  
Alex Munguia  
Mary Budd

And former parishioner **Jean Corr** who died on Wednesday

**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 mentioned last weekend that we will be welcoming Bishop Richard to the parish next weekend, I hope that people will be here at each of our three Masses to show him what a lively and engaged community we are here at St Michael's. The Bishop will celebrate the Sunday Mass at 10.30 but will be present and preach at all three Masses.

There will be an opportunity to meet him after each Mass at the church doors, but a further opportunity in the hall after the 10.30 Mass.

His visit will give us the chance to tell him something about our Parish community.

I hope that there will be a chance for him to meet people involved in different aspects of parish life, including our Parish Family Groups. You might think of the visitation as a kind of "Ofsted", but really it is a chance to share something of our parish life with the Bishop as our Father in God. I know that he will want to encourage us in what we try to do, but it also a chance to share our worries and concerns.

Please make every effort to be here and make it a special weekend, but I am also concerned that it should as far as possible an opportunity for the Bishop to share in a normal Sunday in Ashted.

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

**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.

## Bereavement Café

A place to talk with people who understand.  
St Mary's Church Hall10a 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)

**Altar serving practice** on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am in the Church. All servers welcome but particularly those involved in serving next weekend when the Bishop is visiting.

**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.

#### Surveyor Needed

Are you or do you know anyone who is a surveyor who could help with a report we need to do for the Diocese? Please contact the Parish office [smichaeloffice@gmail.com](mailto:smichaeloffice@gmail.com)

**Thank you to all who supported the January Soup Lunch.** You raised £333.50 for CAFOD, the Princess Alice Hospice and Besom. The next Lunch will be on Friday, 7 February

ASHTEAD CHORAL SOCIETY invites you to Come and Sing *Elijah* on Monday 20th January at Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall  
FREE entry, FREE music loan and FREE coffee or tea.  
Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

**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.

**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.

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

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

**Week of Christian Unity. Everyone is invited to a special service for Christian Unity, which will be held this year at St Michael's, at 8pm on Tuesday 21st January.**  
Prayers will also be offered at the Ashtead Baptist Church on Friday 23rd January at 10.15am and at St George's on Monday 20th January at 9am.

**Happy Birthday to:**  
**Dilara Coskuner 11 on Monday**  
**Finley Ware 10,**  
**Aidan Matthias Crouzet-Smith 10,**  
**Zoe Reynolds 7,**  
**Shay McNamara 8 on Wednesday**

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

**Next week's readings** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3 Luke 19:38, 2:14

**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 last week came to £1,241.31  
Next weekend the retiring collection will be for Pax Christi

**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.*  
Geraldine Offord Tel. 210127 #  
Denise Rouse Tel. 818698  
#Tesco shop - day and time to be arranged

#### Rotas for Weeks Commencing:

Church Cleaning	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Philippa Dupénois
	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Keith Higgins
Sunday Coffee	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	McCormack/Russell Family
	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Denise Rouse
Recorders	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Bill and Angela Archer
	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	T Dore and M Andrews

#### Ministers' rotas 19<sup>th</sup> January – Second Sunday of the Year Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Matthew Pattinson and Toby Hare  
R: Nick Pisa and Freya Beaumont  
EM: Andy Dutton and Lorraine Lynch

#### Sunday 8:30 am

WM: Karin Rogers and David Warnock  
R: Alexandra Lapham and David Gwyther  
EM: Garry Hayter and Sheila Hayter

#### Sunday 10:30 am

WM: Radka Dodge and Amanda Walsh  
R: Eva Walsh and Gill Gruzalski  
EM: Susan Marsh and Mary Merrett

**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**