

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

Third Sunday of the year

The people who have walked in
darkness have seen a great light..
Isaiah 9:1



6.00pm Frank Bull RIP
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Bob McGuire RIP

Mon 27th Weekday
9.30am Mickey Radice RIP

Tues 28th St. Thomas Aquinas
9.30am Eileen & Dillwyn Powell Davies RIP

Wed 29th **NO MASS**

Thu 30th Weekday
9.30am Doreen & Joseph Lennon RIP

Fri 31st St. John Bosco
9.30am Julie MacAmhloibh

Sat 1st Weekday
10.00am Sacred Heart of Mary in Thanksgiving

1st/2nd February **The Presentation of the Lord - Candlemass**

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

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

Evelyn Griffiths, Norah Connors, Florence Smith,
Mary Fitzgerald, Sallie Goldie, Bernard Fitzpatrick,
Peggy Ross, Michael Brander, Leslie Collins,
Elsie Smith, Jean Cunningham, Emilia Gorecka
Michael Coleman
And Margaret Turner 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 Dery, 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,

The Visitation by Bishop Richard last weekend went off very well. The Bishop was present at all the Masses and preached. He was able to speak to everyone after Mass and in the Parish Hall after the 10.30. Mass. He was able to meet the parents and the children preparing for their First Holy Communion, and to visit two of our sick and housebound parishioners. On Saturday evening he met several parishioners involved in different aspects of parish life.

I am very grateful to everyone who helped to make it a very special weekend.

I know that the Bishop was very pleased with the visit. In due course he will be writing to me with his reflections which I will then share with you.

This weekend we remember the terrible persecution of the Jews under the Nazi regime both before and during the Second World War. 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camp at Auschwitz. In May this year the Country as a whole will keep "V E Day", the 75th anniversary of the ending of the war in Europe. At a time when there is a disturbing growth of anti-semitism here in Britain and elsewhere, it is important to remember the appalling events of those years. Those memories should make us determined to oppose evil and discrimination wherever we find it. Evil flourishes whenever men and women "look the other way".

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

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. It would be useful to know approximate numbers simply to allow us to cater appropriately. If you be kind enough to send through the name(s) of those who are coming along, that would be useful. You can send the information to Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD is looking for volunteers who have a passion for, and experience of, working with young people. We need people who have a commitment to CAFOD's aims and values and an interest in sharing our work in secondary schools through delivering assemblies or workshops. CAFOD will provide training and support, and expenses will be paid. Volunteering assignments will be in local Catholic schools - you can either work on your own or as part of a team. For further information: T: 01483 898 866

Week of Guided Prayer

Epsom & Redhill Deanery Sunday 15th - Friday 20th March 2020

Week of Guided Prayer - WHO IS IT FOR? It's for you! As someone who has already been there said, "I think I expected something more 'holy'!

As it was, I was able to be me and think and pray about life as I'm experiencing it now ..."

Are you interested and would like to know more?

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

Bereavement Coffee Morning: starting next week, the last Friday of the month (**31st January, this coming Friday**) in the Hall from 11am-12noon.

Please drop by for a chat where there will be cup of tea or coffee or both! waiting for you, a smile and a listening ear. Please contact the office for more information should you need it. smichaeloffice@gmail.com

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

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:

Luke Coleman 1, Hazel Sullivan 10 on Monday

Juliana Gadd 12, Herbie Hill 10, Elena Tallante-Solozabel 8 on Wednesday

Michael Knopp 12 on Friday

Woychiech Szafran 7, Charlie Spreckley 3 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 Malachi 3: 1-4;
Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40

Epsom Charity Book Fair. This year it is 20th to 22nd February and is at Epsom Methodist Church, Ashley Road. Books, CDs and music can be donated on 12th to 15th February from 9am to 8pm. Tel. 01372 728535 for more information.

£££££££

Offertory Collection last week came to £1,526.73

Conquest Art are seeking a new Treasurer

This role will oversee all aspects of financial management (working from home) and offers a wonderful opportunity to work with a small, busy charity that holds art groups for people with disabilities and long-term health issues. If you are interested see our website www.conquestart.org

100 Club winners for December were Jean Wheeler and Debbie Spinks

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 26th Jan Angela Archer

2nd Feb Clare McLean

Sunday Coffee 26th Jan Marina Channing Pearce

2nd Feb Mary Merrett

Recorders 26th Jan Mary Merrett and Penny Weaver

2nd Feb Bill and Judith O'Neill

Ministers' rotas – 1st/2nd February - Presentation of the Lord Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Jean Wheeler and Maureen Chappell

R: Izzy Beaumont and Polly Ribet

EM: Peter Tisi and Alan Waters

Sunday 8:30 am

WM: Karin Rogers and David Warnock

R: Carmen Yacob and David Gwyther

EM: Garry Hayter and Sheila Hayter

Sunday 10:30 am

WM: Andrew Marsh and Susan Marsh

R: Ben Younger and Jacqui Shabankareh

EM: Christine Smyth and Maria Adams

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