

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

Fifth Sunday of the Year

Your light must shine before others.
Matthew 5:16

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

Mon 10th St Scholastica
NO MASS

Tues 11th Our Lady of Lourdes
9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Wed 12th **NO MASS**

Thu 13th Weekday
9.30am Adoration

Fri 14th Ss Cyril and Methodius
NO MASS

Sat 15th Weekday
NO MASS

15th/16th. Feb The Sixth Sunday of the Year

6.00pm Tony Rogers RIP
8.30am Intentions of Mark & Helen McGaugh
10.30am People of the Parish

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

Peggy Donelan, Bernard Moulson, Dorothy Ashurst,
John Comerford, Tony Rogers, John Flaherty,
Ruby Anderson, Tom Langbridge,
Abe Gruzalski, Janet Therien,
Anthony Bazeley

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,

In 1970 Pope St Paul VI approved a revision of the Church's calendar which sets out the pattern of the Church's year. In the previous calendar the three Sundays before Lent provided a kind of "countdown" to Ash Wednesday.

This Sunday was known by the Latin name "Septuagesima" which marked 70 days before Easter. It was a way of alerting us to the fact that Lent is not far off.

I mention this in order to invite you to start thinking about how you intend to keep Lent this year. Lent is meant to be a time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. These days people are living such busy lives that the Church's year can often pass by without our noticing. It often seems these days that Muslims pay more attention to Ramadan than we Christians do to Lent.

We need to recognise that Lent is meant to be a time to deepen our faith and draw closer to the person of Our Lord. This weekend with 17 days to go before Ash Wednesday I am asking each of you to think seriously about what you intend to do to enter into this holy season. It is easy to put it off till another year when we shall be less busy and have more time, as we think.

Now is the acceptable time, this year not next. One day it will be too late.

With my love and prayers for each of you
Fr Tony

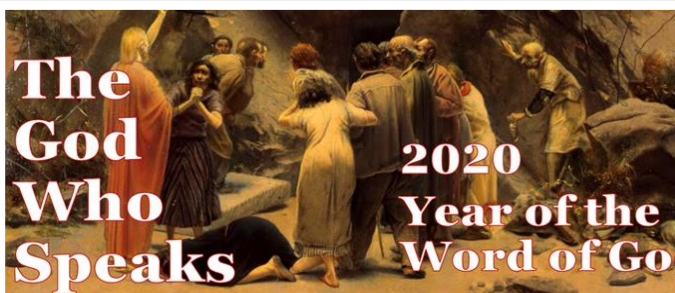
This weekend we welcome Fr Pak.

BINGO Do you enjoy having a chat with good company, a little flutter and having fun while raising money for charity. Then try out our next friendly monthly bingo session this coming Wednesday afternoon, 12th February 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.

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



In 2020 the dioceses of England and Wales are marking the 1600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome and the 10th anniversary of Pope Benedict's exhortation *Verbum Domini* with a year of focus on the Bible.

Join us for a series of talks by Fr Tony Milner BSc STD 8pm at the Parish Hall at St Joseph's, Falkland Grove, Dorking, RH4 3DL

27 Feb: Genesis 1-11, God's Word and Creation
26 Mar: The Gospel of John, focusing on the Lent readings
23 Apr: The Acts of the Apostles, living the Resurrection
21 May: Who were the Prophets? Messengers of God's Word

HCPT Group 2 have 1 space left for a disabled guest aged 8 - 18 for a full funded trip to Lourdes this Easter (April 12th - 18th). If you know of anyone who would benefit from such a trip, please get in contact with John-Paul Indoe on 07787 327739, group2@hcpt.org.uk."

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. Please send through the name(s) of those who are coming to Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

During Lent in order to give more parishioners the opportunity to come to Mass for three of the Thursdays there will be Mass in the evening at 7pm, (instead of the morning) Two will be followed by choir practice if that would also be of interest to anyone.

100 club winners for January were Rachel Daniels and David & Shirley Pattinson

I will be swimming a mile for the **Meeting Room** in February. Please sign 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, Ashted 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

Faith in Politics is a Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs internship scheme which began in 2003. The scheme uniquely offers a foundation of Catholic faith and spiritual formation for those who believe they may have a vocation to public service in politics or public affairs. The deadline for applications in 28th February. The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton communications@abdiocese.org.uk for application details

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:

Victoria Kolodynski 5, Hannah Amos 4 on Tuesday
Daniel Moriarty, Dean Buckley 13 on Wednesday
Olivia Sendet 10 on Friday
Agnes Grant 8 on Saturday

FOR SALE electric tricycle for adult. As new £475 (Cost £1200)
For info and try before you buy. Ring Steve on 818698

Next week's readings Sirach 15: 15-20;
1 Corinthians 2: 6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

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 £xxxxxxx
Next weekend there will be a collection for the **Diocesan Lourdes Fund**

The Finance committee met in the last week in January and are pleased to report that an extra £5,000 was credited to our account as a result of more parishioners being able to gift GIFT AID their weekly contributions. There are Gift Aid forms at the back of the Church if you would like your collection money to be Gift Aided.

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.*

Karin Rogers Tel. 279606 #
Ruth Sydenham Tel. 272007
Tesco shop - day and time to be arranged

Rotas for Weeks Commencing:

Church Cleaning	9 th	Feb Maria Adams
	16 th	Feb Tom Dore
Sunday Coffee	9 th	Feb Gill Gruzalski
	16 th	Feb Caroline King
Recorders	9 th	Feb C Vosser and C Risbey
	16 th	Feb O Mee and M McGaugh

Ministers' rotas – 15/16 February – Sixth Sunday of the Year Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Brian Williams and Liz Williams
R: Charlie Heden and Keith Cooke
EM: Ted Le Riche and Pauline Clark
Sunday 8:30 am
WM: Angelika Tybura and Karin Rogers
R: Martin O'Donovan and David Gwyther
EM: Judith O'Neill and Pauline Clark
Sunday 10:30 am
WM: James Close and Helen Adams
R: Sophia Newman and Sara Brammall
EM: Caroline King and Susan Marsh

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