

## ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

### Sixth Sunday of the Year

Before us are life and death. Whichever we  
Choose shall be given to us.  
*Sirach 15:17*



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

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
**NO MASS**

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
**9.30am** Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> **NO MASS**

Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
9.30am Adoration

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Weekday  
**NO MASS**

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Chair of St. Peter, Apostle  
**NO MASS**

### 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Feb The Seventh Sunday of the Year

6.00pm Gerard McCabe RIP  
8.30am Desmond Morrison RIP  
10.30am People of the Parish

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

Toby Thorne, Gerard McCabe,  
Richard Tuffnell, Doreen Cave,  
George Wood, James Nolan and  
Arnold Fullerton

**May they Rest in Peace**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

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.**

### From today's Gospel reading:

I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of  
the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom  
of heaven.

### Reflection:

What will help us live the challenges Jesus places before  
us in the Sermon on the Mount? Certainly we can't fulfil  
them merely by gritting our teeth and putting our nose to  
the grindstone. Instead, realizing our limitations, we turn  
to Jesus and ask for a renewed gift of his Spirit. Sound  
idealistic? Yes it does, but Jesus wouldn't ask us to fulfil  
something he wouldn't help us accomplish.

### So we ask ourselves:

- What teaching of Jesus do I find hardest to follow these days?
- What role does prayer play in my efforts to live his example?

### Thursday Masses in Lent March 5<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>

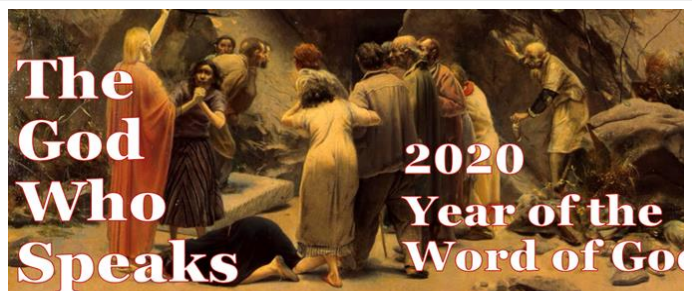
During Lent in order to give more parishioners the  
opportunity to come to Mass for three of the Thursdays,  
there will be Mass in the evening at 7pm, (instead of the  
morning).

The first two masses will be followed by choir practice if  
that would also be of interest to anyone.

**Coronavirus** guidelines from the Diocese, in line with general  
public health guidelines; there are copies in the sacristy and  
the Porch.

### 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](mailto:office@ablourdes.org) T: 01403 740110



**In 2020 the dioceses of England and Wales are marking the  
1600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St Jerome and the 10<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto:group2@hcpt.org.uk) "

**Evening Prayer for Divorced, Remarried & Separated:**  
Sun 23rd February, at 3 pm: All 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](mailto:Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Altar Serving Practice** – 9.30am Sunday 8th March & Sunday 29th March and let Deacon David know your availability for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

**London SW Catholic Social Group** is a group for Catholic adults living, working or staying in London to meet for regular social and networking events. Please contact us on our Facebook page or [londoncatholicsocial@gmail.com](mailto:londoncatholicsocial@gmail.com)

Our next event is on Sunday 1st Mar for 10.30 sung Latin Mass at St James Spanish Place W1U 3QY, followed by a walk in Regent's Park and lunch afterwards at Pizza Express, Baker Street at 2 p.m. We aim to visit a different parish church each month, please join us in exploring new parishes and making new friends. If attending please contact Andrew Law on 07787231798.

Thank you to all who supported **February's Soup Lunch**. You raised £358.60 for CAFOD, the Princess Alice Hospice and Besom. The next Lunch will be on Friday 6 March.

### **Week of Guided Prayer Sunday 15th - Friday 20th March 2020**

Why do I pray? What is prayer? How can I gain a sense of God's presence during prayer? How can I have a conversation with God? So many questions! Perhaps this week can answer some of them for you. This is an opportunity to talk 'one to one' with a trained Prayer Guide about your prayer life - what gives you joy, what you find helpful, what is difficult, or explore new ways of praying. Why not sign up for this Week of Guided Prayer now. You will be assigned a Prayer Guide who will arrange to see you each day during the week for 30 minutes at a time of your choosing. Booking forms are available at the back of the Church or you can email John Roberts, one of the co-ordinators, on [johnandmau@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:johnandmau@yahoo.co.uk) for more information.

**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 is 28th February. The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton [communications@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:communications@abdiocese.org.uk) for application details

**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:**  
**Eve Bennett 12 and Audrey Yendole 11 on Sunday**  
**Isla Pardesi 4 on Tuesday**  
**Benjamin Wickham 9 on Thursday**  
**Lily Howard 13 on Friday**  
**Arlo Murray 11 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** Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18;  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

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**

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Offertory Collection last week came to £1,320.17  
This weekend there will be a collection for the **Diocesan Lourdes Fund (Gift Aid envelope in the porch)**

**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 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	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb Tom Dore
	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb Philippa Dupenois
Sunday Coffee	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb Caroline King
	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb Maureen Anderson
Recorders	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb O Mee and M McGaugh
	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb Alan and Norma Kelly

### **Ministers' rotas – 22/23 February – Seventh Sunday of the Year**

#### **Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass**

WM: Bill Archer and Debbie Di Carlo  
R: Hannah Redrum and Nick Pisa  
EM: Andy Dutton and Angela Archer

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

WM: David Warnock and Rocio Opazo-Aniotz  
R: Carmen Yacob and Simon Williams  
EM: Garry Hayter and Sheila Hayter

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

WM: Radka Dodge and Marina Channing Pearce  
R: Ben Newman and Kathryn Casson  
EM: Maria Adams and Ann Macintyre

**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**

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