

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

First Sunday of Lent

Not by bread alone are you to live but by every
Utterance that comes from the mouth of God.
Matthew 4:4



6.00pm Elsie Dennett RIP
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Stephen Jayes RIP

Mon 2nd St. David, Patron of Wales
NO MASS

Tues 3rd Weekday of Lent
12.30pm Funeral Mass for Mary Turner RIP

Wed 4th Weekday of Lent
9.30am **Morning Prayer**

Thu 5th Weekday of Lent
9.30am Adoration
7.00pm Carmel Devane RIP

Fri 6th Weekday of Lent
9.30am Intentions of Sheila & Tony Hanks
followed by Stations of the Cross
10.30am Service for World Day of Prayer

Sat 7th Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
10.0am Intentions of Remo & Marina Healing
Followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.45pm

8th/9th March Second Sunday of Lent

6.00pm Noemie Le Faou RIP
8.30am Jo Fitzpatrick RIP
10.30am People of the Parish

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

Stephen Jayes, Terence Davies,
Andrew Devine, John Haynes,
Hilda Marshall, Fernande-Marie Babb and
Teresa Slamin
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.

My Dear Friends,

I thought that I would write this first weekend of Lent about one of the more difficult aspects of Lent, namely fasting. It often seems that Muslims are much more comfortable with fasting than we are. Christians today often say that they prefer to "do something positive" for Lent. I have said it myself in the past.

There is much to be said for it. Fasting can easily become selfish. I might fast in order to lose weight, or save money for my next holiday, or simply to prove that I have will power. But that has nothing to do with Lent or indeed with God.

Jesus in the Gospels speaks about the need for fasting. We sometimes prefer to overlook those passages. As Christians we freely choose to give up something good that we enjoy, in order to remind ourselves that everything we have comes to us as a free gift from God.

In giving things up we recognise our debt of gratitude to God.

We deepen our awareness of God's love-inspired generosity.

We can't leave it there. Jesus reminds us that fasting is no excuse for being grumpy. If my friends and family have to suffer my bad temper because of my fasting I have completely lost the plot.....

With my love and prayers for each of you,

Fr Tony

Congratulations to Doreen and Anthony Peters who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

Thursday Masses in Lent March 5th/12th/26th

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).

Mary Turner's funeral mass will now be at **12.30 pm** on Tue 3rd March. Please note the change.

Easter Trumpet deadline, 22nd March. Email or deliver to the office post box office smichaeloffice@gmail.com any stories, poems, anecdotes, photos, family news etc etc for the Easter edition of the Trumpet.

New Lectern outside the Lady Chapel – There will be a Lectionary on this new stand with the readings of the Day. This is in keeping with 'The Year of the Word' with its focus on Scripture. Do take a look.

Shift is an annual night of worship for young people, on Fri 13 March 7:30-9:30pm at St George's Ashted. It's great for anyone in school years 7-13, or people in youth groups and their friends too. It's free, with two well-known faces from the Soul Survivor festivals. Caz Talbot (Worship Pastor, Hackney Church) will be leading an amazing time of worship and Laura Hancock (National Ministries Director, Youth for Christ) will give an inspiring talk. To promote this to your youth group, download the promo pack with slides, posters, and videos: <http://bit.ly/shiftpromo20> There's no need to book, but we'd love to know if you're coming - email youth@ashtedparish.org - and youth leaders, please come with your group!

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

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



Free G-plan table for anyone who is able to pick it up.
Contact the office
01372 272267

There will be a short service at St Michael's for the **World Day of Prayer** at 10.30am on **Friday 6th March**. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

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.

CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day - is next Friday 6th March - a day for us to try and consume less and instead make a donation to CAFOD to help the poorest in the world. Donations will fund the training of local people to become health workers in some of the most remote areas in the world. Just £6 could train a health worker to check babies for malnutrition and £194 could train two health workers and a team of mothers to keep babies healthy. There will be a retiring collection for your donations next weekend (7th/8th March). Please be as generous as possible. If you are able, please Gift Aid your donation to attract a further 25 pence for every £ donated. Envelopes will be available this weekend and next.

Week of Guided Prayer, Sun 15th - Fri 20th March

This event is a valuable opportunity to explore different ways of praying in the midst of your daily life. A trained Prayer Guide will accompany you, listen, encourage and help you to explore ways to deepen your relationship with God through prayer. You can meet your Prayer Guide at St Michael's, Ashted, or St Joseph's, Redhill, at a time of day that suits you or in your home if you are housebound. The Week begins with an Opening Service on Sunday 15th March and will conclude with a Closing Service on Friday 20th March. The official closing date for bookings was Monday 24th February but no one will be turned away. 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 for more information.

Lenten Groups - The meetings take place once a week during Lent and they are based on Bible readings. No knowledge needed. All meeting run for 4 weeks, one day a week **STARTING** the week of Ash Wednesday.
1. **MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY** at 8.00 pm; Leader Paul Gruzalski Phone: 01372 278692
2. **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS** From 10.30 -12.00 ; Leader Lorraine Lynch Phone 07547343124
3. **TUESDAY MORNINGS** at 10.30 at 10:30 -12.00; Leader Mary Merrett Phone: 07969192423
4. **MONDAY EVENINGS**. at 8.00 pm Leader Ted Le Riche phone: 07809049364

St Peter's Catholic Primary School in Leatherhead will have a vacancy for a Reception class Teaching Assistant for three days a week from April, as well as a number of Special Needs support roles. Details can be found on eteach.com. The closing date for applications is noon on Mon 16th March.

Mini Walking Pilgrimage 'The God Who Speaks' 7th to 10th May: Arundel, Duncton, Chiddingfold, Guildford. Walk over a long weekend. Costs £50 total. Details and booking forms at www.thepilgrims.org.uk.

Happy Birthday to:

James Jura 8 and Gabriella Ekong and Ella Cotton 6 on Monday
Sophia Nendick 9 on Tuesday
Toby Hare 9, Cerys Jenkins 10 and Yohannes Kalaitzidis 7 on Wednesday
Olivia Taylor 12 on Thursday
Charlie O'Neill 9 and Lucy Moriarty 8 on Friday

Next week's readings Genesis 12:1-4;
2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

The next Soup Lunch will be on Friday, 6 March.

A selection of homemade soup, bread and desserts, with tea/coffee, all for £5 will be served, **between 12 noon and 1.30 pm**. All money collected will be shared between CAFOD, the Princess Alice Hospice and Besom. Invite your family, friends and neighbours to enjoy St Michael's hospitality and support 3 worthy charities.

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Offertory Collection last week came to £1,301.97
Next weekend – CAFOD Lenten alms collection

My Day by Day Lent Booklets for Adults, Juniors and Infants. Please do pick one up to take home and read for yourself and your children. There is also a **Walk with me Calendar** for Lent for Children, do pick one up and take home. Lent 2020 leaflets on also in the Porch for a more detailed list of what's happening in Lent at St Michael's.

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 #
Angela Archer Tel. 274984

Tesco shop - day and time to be arranged

Rotas for Weeks Commencing: 1st and 8th March

Church Cleaning	1 st	Keith Higgins
	8 th	Angela Archer
Sunday Coffee	1 st	Caroline Fitzherbert
	8 th	McCormack/Russell Family
Recorders	1 st	Bill and Angela Archer
	8 th	Tom Dore and Mike Andrews

Ministers' rotas – 7th/8th March -- Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
WM: Caitlyn & Harry George and Lillian Baldwin
R: Jessica Ribet and Ray Quinlan
EM: Shane Murray and Angela Archer

Sunday 8:30 am

WM: Betty Lapham and Karin Rogers
R: Alexandra Lapham and Tom Dore
EM: Keith Merrett and Philippa Dupenois

Sunday 10:30 am

WM: Danny Lynch and Imogen & Sienna Langley
R: Emma Ziemelyte and Mike King
EM: Christine Smyth and Paul Gruzalski

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