

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

Second Sunday of Lent

Christ's face became as dazzling as the sun,
his clothes as radiant as light.

Matthew 17:7



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

Mon 9th Weekday of Lent
9.30am Intentions of Terry Grogan

Tues 10th Weekday of Lent
9.30am Fiona Ryan RIP

Wed 11th Weekday of Lent
9.30am **Morning Prayer of the Church**

Thu 12th Weekday of Lent
9.30am **Adoration**
7.00pm Robert Gosden RIP

Fri 13th Weekday of Lent
9.30am George & Pauline Amos RIP
followed by Stations of the Cross

Sat 14th Weekday of Lent
10.0am John Coffey RIP
Followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.45pm

14th/15th March Third Sunday of Lent

6.00pm Theresa Grogan RIP
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Vaughan Oliver RIP

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

Marjorie Yates, Mary Murphy, Martin Walsh,
Florence Stephens, Ciaran Flynn, Fr Albert Hadshar,
James Slamin, Antonina Cavaglieri, Rudy Therien
Geoffrey Marshall
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,

Last week I wrote about Lenten fasting, and I wanted to make the point that Christian fasting is not about self-improvement or self-control as such. Rather it is meant to draw us closer to God who is the giver of everything that we have. This week I want to focus on prayer as an integral part of Lent.

At Mass on Ash Wednesday I spoke about the need to set ourselves targets, something realistic and attainable. It is easy to say that I want to pray more, but it won't happen unless I decide how to achieve it. I suggest that you decide first of all when you are going to pray, and perhaps where to do it. What works for one person may not work for someone else. You need to think about what would be best for you.

You might decide that you could carve out five or ten minutes each day. If you really think that will be impossible for you, then you probably need to think about your priorities. Are you really so busy that you cannot find five or ten minutes for God in the course of twenty four hours?

It might be helpful to try to read just a chapter of the Gospel each day. I suggest that you could start with St. Luke who is a wonderful story teller. After that you could go on to the Acts of the Apostles, also written by St. Luke. Choose what suits you, but do it, and don't just think about it.

With my love and prayers for each of you,

Fr Tony

Coronavirus

The best way of protecting ourselves is for everyone to use universal good hygiene, which will effectively disrupt the spread of the virus – catch sneezes in a tissue, bin the tissue, wash your hands with soap and hot water, try not to touch you face unless your hands have been washed. If you are suffering from a fever, FLU/COLD like symptoms, high temperature or heavy cold PLEASE stay at home.

Thursday Masses in Lent March 12th/26th

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

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.

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

Bingo - My Time

Do you enjoy having a chat with good company, a little flutter and having fun while raising money for My Time, a local group providing respite activities for youngsters with caring responsibilities for a family member? Then try out our next friendly monthly bingo session this coming Wednesday afternoon, 11th March 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.

New Lectern outside the Lady Chapel – There will be a Lectionary on this new stand with the readings of the Day.



*The God who Speaks
'Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The Word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other.'*

Friday was the CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day

- a day for us to try and consume less and instead make a donation to CAFOD so that it can help the poorest in the world. If you forgot, never mind - you can still make a donation! This time, donations are to be directed to fund the training of local people to become health workers in some of the most remote areas in the world. Just £194 could train two health workers and a team of mothers to keep babies healthy. There is a retiring collection for your donations this 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 are available at the back of the church.

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.

Subject: Good citizenship

Can I ask parishioners to look at the Mole Valley draft local plan which will affect Ashted. Comments/emails needed by March 23rd 2020.

Also the future of Epsom General Hospital, closing date for consultation 1st April. Information and questionnaire at <https://improvinghealthcaretogether.org.uk/consultation/questionnaire>

The NHS wants to build a new hospital at Sutton, but that would mean downgrading both Epsom and St Helier, with no consultant A and E, no consultant inpatient maternity or paediatrics or intensive care. Epsom is geographically in the centre of our area and could become the site of the new hospital! Local comments from Mole Valley needed.
Thank you Dr Sylvia Roberts Trustee Epsom Medical Equipment Fund.

Happy Birthday to:

Jack Stern 9, Aiden Brady 11 Today!

Paige Frost 8 on Monday

Arianna Atkinson 9 on Tuesday

Amy Drysdale 13, Adriana Hajarha 3, Harvey Lang 6, Hannah Rudrum 13, William Zhou 5 all on Thursday.

Oscar Gatt 7 on Friday

Flynn Luisis-Lynd 6, James Ryan 10 on Saturday

Next week's readings: Exodus 17: 3-7;
Romans 5: 1-2,5-8; John 4: 5-42

Altar Serving Practice

9.30am **Sunday 8th March & Sunday 29th March.**

Also let Deacon David know your availability for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet in the sacristy.

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Offertery Collection last week came to £1,428.87
This 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.

Ann Clark Tel. 01372 277324 #
Maureen Anderson Tel. 01372 272988

Tesco shop - day and time to be arranged

Rotas for Weeks Commencing: 8th and 15th March

Church Cleaning	8 th	Angela Archer
	15 th	Clare McLean
Sunday Coffee	8 th	McCormack/Russell Family
	15 th	Denise Rouse
Recorders	8 th	Tom Dore and Mike Andrews
	15 th	Mary Merrett and Penny Weaver

Ministers' rotas – 14/15 March -- Third Sunday of Lent Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Toby Hare and Matthew Pattinson

R: Charlie Heden and Alan Waters

EM: Lorraine Lynch and Andy Dutton

Sunday 8:30 am

WM: Rocio Opazo-Aniotz and Margaret McGarr

R: Jessica Amos and David Gwyther

EM: Judith O'Neill and Pauline Clark

Sunday 10:30 am

WM: Denise Rouse and Amanda Walsh

R: Eva Walsh and Mary Merrett

EM: Maria Adams and Gill Gruzalski

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