

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

Third Sunday of Lent

Whoever drinks the water I shall give
Shall never thirst.
John 4:14



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

Mon 16th Weekday of Lent
9.30am Intentions of Joyce Fisk

Tues 17th St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland
NO MASS

Wed 18th Weekday of Lent
9.30am **Morning Prayer of the Church**

Thu 19th St. Joseph, spouse of BVM
9.30am Matthew Cassar RIP

Fri 20th Weekday of Lent
NO MASS

Sat 21st Weekday of Lent
10.0am Andrew Hanks RIP
Followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.45pm

21st/22nd Fourth Sunday of Lent
6.00pm Ricky Byrne RIP
8.30am Maureen Fitzpatrick RIP
10.30am People of the Parish

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

Bishop David Cashman, Doris & Jim Hicksman,
Veronica McCreedy, Jacqueline Legge, Victor Kulisz
Cora Cox, Seán MacAmhlaibh, John Lane
Fr David Mead-Briggs, Matthew Cassar, Kenneth Higgins,
Jaqueline Cowley and Rose Conway
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 would like to ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Peter Smith who died last weekend. We had been friends since the 1960's when we were studying for the priesthood at St John's Seminary at Wonersh.

I was a year ahead of Peter who had been at Exeter University studying for a law degree before coming to Wonersh. I was ordained in July 1971, and when I celebrated my first Mass Peter was the sub deacon.

Following his ordination in 1972 Peter served as an assistant priest in South London for two years before beginning studies in Canon Law in Rome, one year after me. We both subsequently taught on the staff at Wonersh.

For a brief period of two years Peter was Parish Priest at Thornton Heath before returning to Wonersh as Rector of the seminary.

In 1995 he was appointed by Pope John Paul II as Bishop of East Anglia until 2001 when he was named as Archbishop of Cardiff. In 2010 Pope Benedict XVI appointed him as Archbishop of Southwark and he was able to welcome Pope Benedict to South London and the Little Sisters of the Poor Nursing Home in Meadow Road.

For many years Archbishop Peter was the Vice President of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. In that capacity his legal training made him an effective figure on radio and TV in responding on behalf of the Church to various controversial issues.

I ask your prayers for a very down to earth priest who devoted himself unselfishly to the training of priests and the pastoral care of clergy and people in three different dioceses. He had no 'side' to him. My student companion in the 1960's remained just the same warm human being all his life, May he rest in peace.

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

Coronavirus – A copy of the Bishop's Letter, produced with advice from Public Health England is attached, please read it carefully!

The best protection is 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 your 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 Mass in Lent March 26th

In order to give more parishioners the opportunity to come to Mass during Lent. There will be Mass in the evening at 7pm, on Thursday 26th March (instead of the morning).

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

Action Points re coronavirus. Please note that these will be updated weekly, in line with government / diocesan advice.

1. Hymn books have been removed and anything else that gets shared, eg children's pencils and books.
2. Communion will be in the hand only until further notice.
3. There will not be any catering on Church premises, so we can't do teas or coffees after Masses or for any function in the Hall. There will not be any Soup Lunch or Bridge in April.
4. People with colds/flu or weakened immune systems e.g. diabetes, cancer should stay at home
5. The Family Parish groups are not meeting.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is at 8 am on Sat 21st March at St. George's Church Hall. Our speaker is Jo Sherring from Ashted Churches Together. Jo will be giving us an update on the ACT project to house a Syrian Refugee family in Ashted. All men welcome.

Children's Easter craft session will be taking place in the hall on Saturday 28th March 10:30 am – 1:30 pm
If anyone is able to help please contact Marie Newman on 07872 317770.

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.'

Week of Guided Prayer This week the Church is in use as soon as Mass/Morning Prayer/Adoration has finished. You are still welcome to come into the Church to pray, but the Lady Chapel and 3 other areas in the Church, and 2 areas in the Sacristy will be used for the Guided Prayer. Please be respectful of those taking part.

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. All the details can be found on eteach.com **The closing date for applications is noon on Monday, 16th March.**

Please 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:

Isla Bispring and Sophia Nendick 9, Oliver Barnes 12 on Sunday

Tailyne Kalekezi 13 and Gian Luca Ielpi 12 on Monday

Sofia Lawrence 11 on Tuesday

Benjamin Hinton 10 on Thursday

Josh Hanlon 5, Thomas Payne 12, Jacob Nendick 7, Chloe

Chan Lok 5 on Friday

Next week's readings: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13;
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

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.

Altar Serving Practice - 9.30am Sunday 29th March. Also, please 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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Offertory Collection last week came to £1,399.57
CAFOD collection £634.86

Thank you to all who supported the March Soup Lunch. You raised £316 for CAFOD, the Princess Alice Hospice and Besom. Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus, we have been directed by the Bishop to cease the Lunches until further notice.

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 15th Clare McLean

22nd Maria Adams

Sunday Coffee 15th) No coffee

22nd)

Recorders 15th Mary Merrett and Penny Weaver

22nd Bill and Judith O'Neill

Ministers' rotas – 21/22 March -- Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Mark McGaugh and Helen McGaugh

R: Hannah Redrum and Ray Quinlan

EM: Lorraine Lynch and Ted Le Riche

Sunday 8:30 am

WM: David Warnock and Angelika Tybura

R: Simon Williams and Martin O'Donovan

EM: Rocio Opazo-Aniotz and Keith Higgins

Sunday 10:30 am

WM: Susan Marsh and Andrew Marsh

R: Jacqui Shabankareh and Christine Smyth

EM: Caroline King and Ann Macintyre

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

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