

## ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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### The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Important Changes to Services at St. Michaels

Two important changes are coming to St. Michael's. From Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July, we will be broadcasting Mass from St Michael's (live streaming) over the Internet. See page 2 for Masses and times.

- On Tuesday & Friday this past week the church was open for Mass, subject to the same conditions as Private Prayer (see page 3).
- Social distancing limitations will inevitably reduce the number of people who can attend Mass at the weekend so to help regulate numbers we are inviting parishioners whose surnames begin A-M to attend this Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> July.) The following week, 19<sup>th</sup> we invite surnames N-Z.
- We have laid out on page 2 below next week's schedule of Masses and live streaming (LS) of the Mass.
- We also include our 'Social Distancing' protocol (for Private Prayer and Mass Attendance) on **Page 3** and instructions on how to pick up St. Michael's Live Streaming on **Pages 7-8**.

Please bear with us as we, hopefully, transition back towards normality!

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

Michael Hanks  
Grace Goldie  
Terence Blackman  
Pauline Manning  
Suzanne Bell  
Paul Cunningham  
Vera Taylor  
**May they Rest in Peace**

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Philip MacDonald, Margaret McArdle,  
Myra Vanner, Sylvia Crampin, Clare Derry,  
Peggy Brogan, Leonard Anderson, Vincent Smyth,  
Emily Scarborough, George Stuart Baxter,  
Bart Gruzalski, Sheila Hanks, Sarah Bishop,  
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,

For the last fifteen Sundays I have celebrated Mass in an empty church as a result of the Lockdown. I have offered Mass each Sunday for all the people of the Parish, as every Parish Priest is required to do by Canon Law. To do so without any of the people being present has certainly been a very strange experience. I have taken time each week to pause and think about you all and have felt very much the absence of people.

I am delighted that this weekend we can begin to come together again for Sunday Mass. Inevitably things won't be quite the same, at least at first.

The various restrictions will become obvious, and we will need to be patient with each other as we try to adjust to the requirements imposed on us.

Happily, the live-streaming of Mass here in St Michael's means that those who cannot be with us in person will still be able to share in the Mass online.

I hope to be able to announce plans for First Holy Communion and Confirmation shortly. There are any number of complications in trying to re arrange these events which were due to take place back in May. Here too it will be necessary to adapt to the current regulations from the Government by having very much simplified events with severely limited numbers.

I hope to publish details once I have talked to the people responsible for the two programmes.

Meanwhile I look forward to seeing you all again in the coming weeks. You are all in my prayers, and I ask you to pray for me in these strange and difficult circumstances.

With my love and prayers for each of you

Fr Tony

#### Bishop Richard Says . . .

As we emerge from these last months and even though we do not know how long restrictions and difficulties will continue, the time is right to prepare for new opportunities, to look to the future with the hope that is the mark of the Christian. In these last weeks, many will have found a different pace of life, a more prayerful way of being. Across our Diocese, a great number have been nourished by prayer together in new ways and responded to various opportunities to serve others. We are entering a significant and grace-filled time in the life of the Diocese. This is a moment when we must be open to new possibilities and, where this is right, changes that will strengthen our response to the call that we have received.

It may be early days for us to reflect on the future life and mission of our parishes, but the call to be disciples has, perhaps, never been more urgent. Our celebration of the Eucharist and the prayer that enriches our relationship with Christ is the foundation of this reflection. Let us work together to explore the ways in which we can be the communities of saints that we must strive to become. Although there continues to be many uncertainties in the coming months, we have much to offer to the world – nothing less than the encounter with Christ who is life.

## Mass at St. Michael's

### 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 10.30-12.30 pm **Private Prayer**

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 8.30am **MASS**  
**Surnames A-M**  
10.30am **MASS**  
**Surnames A-M**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> **9.30am** **MASS**

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> **9.30am** **MASS**

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> **NO MASS**

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> **NO MASS**

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> **9.30am** **MASS**

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> **10am** **MASS**

### 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> **6.00pm** **MASS**  
**Surnames N-Z**

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> **8.30am** **MASS (LS)**  
**Surnames N-Z**

**10.30am** **MASS**  
**Surnames N-Z**

#### Please Note

- All Masses now are live-streamed unless otherwise stated.
- Mass Intentions will be in the newsletter from next week.
- The communications team-Alison, Bill & Steve would like to thank everyone who has helped us keep in touch these past few months and everyone who has volunteered.
- **Please pick up your Gift Aid Envelopes from the porch, if you haven't done so already.**

#### Theresa Grogan

On 2<sup>nd</sup> July Mass from St Michael's was streamed live on YouTube, for the first time. I watched it on my laptop. The picture was crystal clear and the sound was excellent. At the moment, it is being live tested but all seems to be well. Many thanks to all those with the technical expertise, who set this up. (I for one, am unable to come to terms with a "smart" television.)

A generous donation made by Terry Grogan, in memory of Theresa, made all this possible. An important part of her life was attending Mass, on a daily basis. It meant a great deal to her and Terry. Now everyone can participate by watching the Mass, live on most days, wherever they are. There is also a catchup facility if needed. It is available to those who are not able to come to church, providing they have a computer, iPad or a television with an internet connection. This is a fitting tribute for Theresa. Thank you Terry.

If you are looking for the link, Google 'YouTube St Michaels Ashtead.'

Tom Dore, Chair of Finance

**'Lunchbox' and 'The Meeting Room'** If you would like to donate money, non-perishable food or toiletries, 'Lunchbox' is open to receive donations every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Church Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8AY 'The Meeting Room' is providing a similar service and would welcome financial donations. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Meeting Room' and dropped off to Phil Ward at 49, Ottways Lane, Ashtead.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Sadie Lacey 9 on Sunday Leo Reynolds 6 on Monday  
Hannah Tribick 11 on Tuesday Zoe Moss 11 on Wednesday  
Alana & Eva Grimmer 7, Emily Brock 3 on Thursday  
Liam Barrett 11, Daniel & Isabelle Gogy 11  
Janet Oluwabusola 12 on Saturday

#### This Week's Readings:

Isaiah 55: 10-11; Romans 8: 18-23;  
Matthew 13:1-23

You can see these readings at:

<https://www.universalis.com/20200712/mass.htm>

#### Ministers' rotas 12<sup>th</sup> July - Fifteenth Sunday of the year

Sunday 8:30 am

WM: Betty Lapham, Margaret McGarr and Antonietta Caprano  
R: David Gwyther

Sunday 10:30 am

WM: Marina Changing Pearce, James Close and Tessa Davies  
R: Cara Heden

**Parish Communications** Do keep an eye on the media while we're in lockdown! Visit the **Parish website**

<http://www.stmichaelashtead.org.uk/>

Our **Face Book Group** now has **200+** members. To join us, search for **St. Michael's Ashtead** on Face Book

**Alison, Steve & Bill**

#### Online Giving – Coronavirus Lockdown

With the closure of our Church, the Coronavirus is affecting us materially as well as spiritually. Bills keep coming, but income is significantly down.

A good many parishioners give via standing order. If you can do this, it simplifies the admin and is great for self-distancing!

For more details email [smichaelweb@gmail.com](mailto:smichaelweb@gmail.com)

About half the week's income usually arrives via the collection baskets so we are missing that. The Diocese has set up a web page for online giving. The web link for this donation page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory>

The money will come in to the Diocese and then be sent to the parishes accordingly. **So don't forget to name the parish, area or priest when donating.**

For more info, contact Laura Maydew-Gale E:

[communications@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:communications@abdiocese.org.uk) T: 07552 249 829

**Each year, we journey together as pilgrims to the holy Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes**, however, due to Covid-19, this year we will have to travel in spirit and mind and not body.

We are pleased to be able to invite you to join us for a virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> July. Including virtual events for families and for Redshirts (those ins years 10&11). Find out more at [www.ablourdes2020.org](http://www.ablourdes2020.org)

#### Parish Finances in the time of Coronavirus

These are trying times for everyone. Some people will have been hit harder than others because they have been furloughed or worse. Money is tight. However, if you are able and would like to contribute to the Parish, please look at the Just Giving link in this newsletter or on the parish Facebook page. You might have already done this. I must emphasise that you should only consider this if you are able to afford to do so.

**Tom Dore, Chair of Parish Finance**

**PS If you donate using the Gift Aid envelopes please make sure to collect them from the porch**

**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**

## Welcome back to St Michael's for Private Prayer and Mass

We are open for private prayer on the days and times shown above, subject to the following -.

- Please adhere to social distancing rules at all times. Remember, you are responsible for your own safety and the safety of others.
- Hand sanitizer gel is provided – please use it on entrance and exit.
- Available seats in centre benches have been marked.



- Side benches are for use primarily by families and households.
- Before leaving the church, please clean the area you used. Anti-viral spray is provided at rear of church. Please take care to spray areas touched. Paper towels should be placed in the lined bin provided.
- Toilet facilities are not available during this period.
- Votive candles cannot be made available at the moment.
- Entry and exit will be via the same doors – adhering to distancing rules.
- Doors will remain open at all times to reduce physical contact and maintain airflow.
- If you have any Flu-like symptoms, fever, cough, sneezing etc, please do not enter.
- Please ensure that your children are under control and remain with you at all times.
- Unaccompanied children and not allowed into the church at this time

# Fr. John Healy

## Dave Warnock remembers Fr John Healy

I was greatly saddened and shocked to learn of the passing of Fr John Healy. He came to St Michael's in 1984, a very short time after our family moved here. Our two youngsters had their first Holy Communions on the horizon so it's no surprise that we had frequent contact with him.

He was very keen to involve all the children in parish activity I have no doubt that you will be seeing a number of articles appearing about his enthusiasm for the St Michael's Youth Group (SMYGs) and its offshoot the SMYGLETs.

But, my most vivid memories of Fr Healy were around RENEW. I had volunteered to run the Monday session - still going strong under the more able guidance of Ted LeRiche. To my surprise, and initial concern Fr Healy joined the group and I'm pretty sure he thought he had fallen in with a bunch of heretics, with often unrestrained views being expressed. Nevertheless, we all considered it an honour to have him on the team even if we did run the risk of excommunication!

There will be many in the parish who will have memories and anecdotes to share. In the meantime, we feel the loss deeply.

Fr. John Healy, who died last week, was Parish Priest at St. Michael's in the 1980s. This pictorial tribute was composed by Breda Dallimore, who was Parish Secretary at the time.



## A Message from the Metropolitan Archbishops of the Catholic Church in England

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

On Tuesday we heard the announcement that, from the 4<sup>th</sup> July this year, places of worship will be able to reopen for prayer and services. We welcome this news with great joy. Since the lockdown began, members of all faiths have faced restrictions on how they have been able to celebrate important religious festivals. Our own experience of Easter was unlike any other we have known. Now, in our churches, and with our people, we can look forward again to celebrating the central mysteries of our faith in the Holy Eucharist.

The recent reopening of our churches for individual private prayer was an important milestone on our journey towards resuming communal worship. Our churches that have opened have put in place all the measures needed to ensure the risks of virus transmission are minimised. This includes effective hand sanitisation, social distancing, and cleaning. We remain committed to making sure these systems of hygiene and infection control meet Government and public health standards.

We want to thank everyone within the Catholic community for sustaining the life of faith in such creative ways, not least in the family home. We thank our priests for celebrating Mass faithfully for their people, and for the innovative ways in which they have enabled participation through live-streaming and other means. We are grateful for the pastoral care shown by our clergy to those for whom this time of lockdown has been especially difficult, and, in particular, towards those who have been bereaved. We recognise too the chaplaincy services that have played a vital role in supporting those most in need. Gaining from the experience of all that we have been through, and bringing those lessons into the future, we must now look forward.

With the easing of restrictions on worship with congregations, we tread carefully along the path that lies ahead. Our lives have been changed by the experience of the pandemic and it is clear that we cannot simply return to how things were before lockdown. We remain centred on the Lord Jesus and His command at the Last Supper to *"do this in memory of me."* We must now rebuild what it means to be Eucharistic communities, holding fast to all that we hold dear, while at the same time exploring creative ways to meet changed circumstances.

It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. A significant number of churches may remain closed as they are unable to meet the requirements for opening for individual prayer. Fulfilling these requirements is a precondition for any church opening after the 4<sup>th</sup> July for the celebration of Mass with a congregation.

Please be aware that there will be a limit on the number of people who can attend Mass in our churches. This will be determined locally in accordance with social distancing requirements. We therefore need to reflect carefully on how and when we might be able to attend Mass. We cannot return immediately to our customary practices. This next step is not, in any sense, a moment when we are going 'back to normal.'

We ask every Catholic to think carefully about how and when they will return to Mass. Our priests may need to consider whether it is possible to celebrate additional Masses at the weekends. Given there is no Sunday obligation, we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people.

Moving forward, there will still be many people who cannot attend Mass in person. We therefore ask parishes, wherever possible, to continue live-streaming Sunday Mass, both for those who remain shielding and vulnerable, and also for those unable to leave home because of advanced age or illness.

When we return to Mass there will be some differences in how the celebration takes place. For the time being, there will be no congregational singing and Mass will be shorter than usual. None of this detracts from the centrality of our encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist. We ask everyone to respect and follow the guidance that will be issued and the instructions in each church.

*"As I have loved you," said the Lord Jesus, "so you must love each other." (Jn 13:34)* The lockdown has brought forth remarkable acts of charity, of loving kindness, from Catholics across our communities as they have cared for the needy and vulnerable. We have seen love in action through charitable works, and through the service of many front-line keyworkers who are members of our Church. Now we can begin to return to the source of that charity, Christ himself, present for us sacramentally, body, blood, soul and divinity, in Holy Communion. As we prepare to gather again to worship, let us, respectful of each other, come together in thanksgiving to God for the immense gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Yours devotedly in Christ

- ✠ Vincent Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster
- ✠ Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool
- ✠ Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham
- ✠ John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark

*This letter is addressed to the Catholic Community in England; the opening of the Catholic Churches in Wales is devolved to the Welsh Assembly who are still evaluating their position on opening Places of Worship.*

# How to Watch Live Streaming from St. Michael's

## - For the less than totally computer literate

Over the past weeks, the Parish Management team has been working to install 'live-streaming' in St. Michael's. During lockdown, most of us have got used to taking Mass over the Internet. Now, with a video camera installed in the Church, connected to our sound system and the Parish Network, we can broadcast live from St. Michael's.

We now have a YouTube channel, which is where you go to watch the live stream. As all our live events are automatically recorded, you can also pick up a recording of a prior event. So if you are not already familiar with YouTube, here are a few tips to help you along the way.

**When will I be able to watch the live stream?** The plan is to start live streaming Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 8.30 & 10.30

**How do I find Mass from St. Michael's on the Internet?** There are 3 ways –

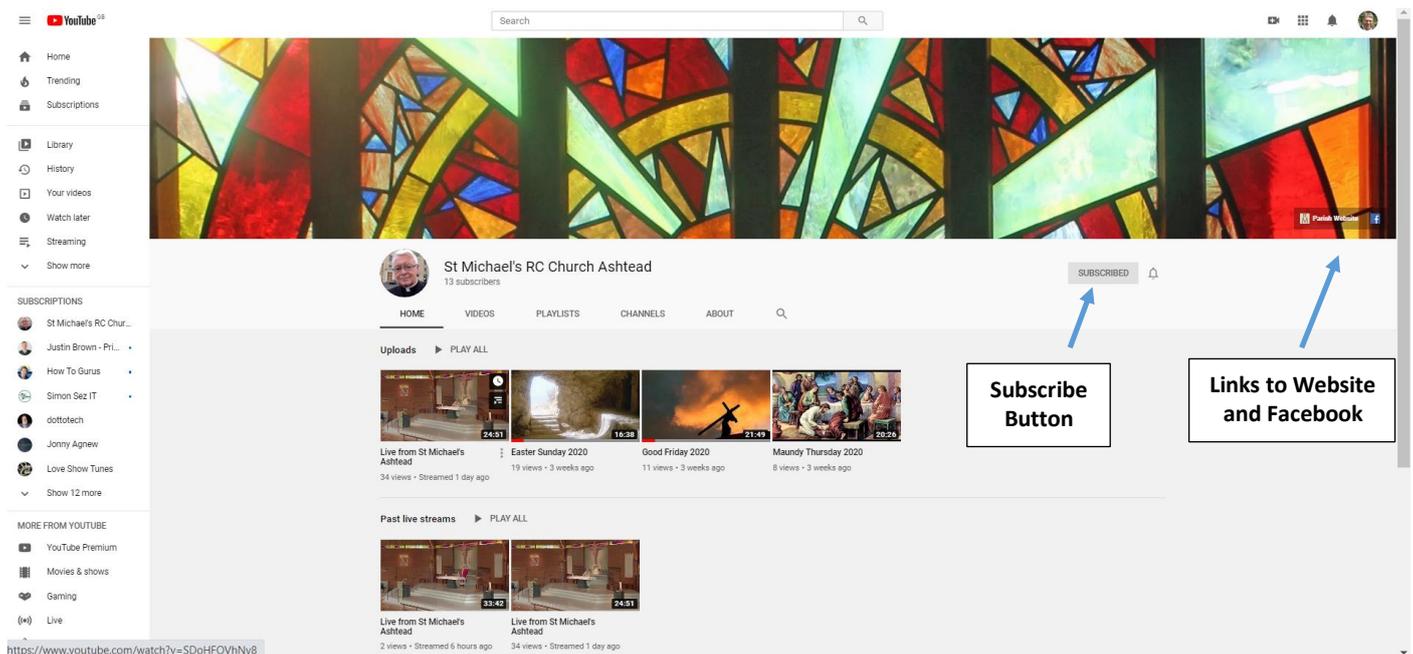
**Firstly**, follow this link: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3\\_ytZLYg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLYg). Yes, it is pretty horrible, but if we get enough subscribers (see below) we can ask for a personalised link!

**Second Option** – on the Parish Website (<http://www.stmichaelashtead.org.uk/index.php>) there is a new page called 'Livestream'. Select this page from the menu and click on the link at the bottom of the page.

**Third Option** – go to YouTube and using the search bar, look for St. Michael's Church Ashtead.

All three methods should bring you to our 'Channel Page'. **Don't forget to save the link in your Favourites.**

**What Happens when I get there?** Well, it should look something like this –



Below the picture of the window in the Lady Chapel and the photo of Fr. Tony, you will see normally see two rows of videos. The first row are videos we uploaded and include the Easter Service videos we made earlier this year.

The second row are recordings of live streams made previously. You can play any of these videos by double-clicking on them.

If a live stream is about to start it will appear as a third row, with the title 'Upcoming Event'. Click on it to play.

Also on our YouTube channel page there are buttons containing links to the Parish website and Facebook Group.

### What do you mean Subscribe?

Well, if you are not used to YouTube, it's a bit like bookmarking a website as a favourite. You will see your subscriptions on the menu at the side. It is, of course, free! If we reach 100 subscriptions we can ask for a personalised URL eg YouTube/StMichaelsAshtead and replace the link we have.

Also, next to the subscribe button there is a bell. If you click on the bell YouTube will send a notification to your PC whenever there is a live stream about to start.

### How do I Watch a video?

Click on a video to start it and you will see a line of symbols appear at the bottom. On the left are the video controls and on the right are some viewing options.



#### YouTube Video Controls

- Stop / Start
- Go to End
- Adjust sound level
- Timer

#### Viewing Options (See below)

### Viewing Options

Normally, when the video starts playing it does not occupy the whole screen. To maximise the viewer in YouTube, choose the last icon in the viewing options.



You can leave full screen mode by hitting the Esc key on your keyboard. And that's all there is to it!