

# ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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**The office is CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
Please ring Fr Tony on the number above in an emergency.

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass at St. Michael's

Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Sydney, Daniel, Geoffrey Holyoake RIP
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Monica & Eddie McAllister RIP
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Weekday Intentions of Harry & Jan Cassar
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Weekday Ivy Smith RIP
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>		<b>NO MASS</b>
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Weekday Fiona Ryan RIP
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	St Ignatius Loyola Private Intention
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	10am	St Alphonsus Ligouri Intentions of Sheila Dennett

### 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020 Eighteenth Sunday

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Ronald Kelleher RIP
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	Simon McDevitt RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Mavis Bazeley, Philip MacDonald, Margaret McArdle,  
Myra Vanner, Sylvia Crampin, Clare Derry,  
Peggy Brogan, 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.**

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

Valerie Andrews  
Barbara Davies  
Simon McDevitt  
Stanley Marshall  
Bridie Connolly  
**May they Rest in Peace**

My Dear Friends,

We have now had two Sundays with people at Mass. It was good to see familiar faces again. These are early days, and many people, I think, are quite nervous of coming out again. Happily, those with internet access can now follow the Mass online through YouTube, and a large number have done that on Sundays.

These weeks of the school holidays are always marked by lower numbers at Mass, so it will not be possible to gauge numbers with any degree of accuracy until September.

Naturally, I am hoping that the general situation nationally will improve in the coming weeks, but we simply don't know how things will develop and what restrictions there will be.

The First Holy Communion programme was already well advanced when Lockdown arrived in March. We are hoping to complete the programme with one more lesson, and then start giving the children their First Communion.

Clearly, a large celebration is not possible in the near future, at least. We will be inviting families to agree a suitable date with me for their child over the coming weeks when they can dress up and make their Communion at a public Mass.

It will only be possible for the immediate household to sit together in the same bench. Sadly, it won't be possible for the family to invite others from outside the Parish, given the limitation on numbers.

Inevitably this process will take some time but, we don't really have an alternative. I will write more when we are ready to start.

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

Fr Tony

### Important Changes to Services at St. Michaels

- The church is open for Mass and private prayer, subject to the conditions of our 'Social Distancing' protocol on **Page 3**
- Because so many people are still shielding or are away on holiday **we have decided not to use the A-Z to manage numbers at Mass.**
- Please remain seated until you are called forward for communion by a steward.
- All Masses now are live-streamed unless otherwise stated.
- All streamed Masses are automatically recorded and may be watched later on our YouTube Channel (see below).
- We also include and instructions on how to pick up St. Michael's Live-Streaming **on Pages 4-5.**

### CAFOD's response to coronavirus in Africa

Lessons learned from the Ebola outbreaks in places like Sierra Leone means that our local teams are able to rapidly reach out to faith leaders with accurate information and safely organised training sessions. These faith leaders are trusted voices in their communities, so working alongside them to get the right messages out really can save lives.

[£33 can give a religious leader information about coronavirus](https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal)  
Health and prevention advice are also being shared when our staff and volunteers are giving out soap and emergency food packages to vulnerable families in Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Nigeria and Kenya, to ensure that those at particular risk of the virus can survive this crisis. Your donations have also funded PPE for medical staff at clinics in Zimbabwe and Sierra Leone. Please support this work which is saving lives. Thank you  
<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>

### From today's Gospel reading:

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,  
Which a person finds and hides again,  
And out of joy goes and sells all that he has to buy that field.

### Reflection:

It may seem that we happen upon the kingdom of heaven,  
mere birth, or by chance – like the treasure buried in the field.  
Still, it requires discernment on our part. Can we appreciate  
what a treasure we have come upon? Are we willing to accept  
it in joy and make the sacrifices in our lives to retain it?

### So, we ask ourselves:

In my daily life how do I experience the treasure that is the  
kingdom of heaven?

What sacrifice is that treasure now asking of me?

**Parish Communications** Do keep an eye on our Social Media  
while we're in lockdown! **Visit St. Michael's**

**Parish website** <http://www.stmichaelashtead.org.uk/>

### Face Book Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/289562958175720>

### YouTube Channel

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3\\_ytZLYg/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLYg/)

**Alison, Steve & Bill**

**After Mass on our day 23rd July (our 65th Wedding Anniversary)**, Father Tony gave us a blessing and a beautiful basket of flowers on behalf of the Parish. Our thanks to you all and the friends we have known over many years. God Bless. Sheila and Terry Dennett.

### 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**

**'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:

**Quinn Pinkerton 13, Katherine Linton 13 Today!**  
**Carmen Yacob 11, Aaron Varghese 13, Regan Cato 9 on Monday**  
**Saidie Granger 12 on Tuesday**  
**Kieran Russell 4, Minnie Pindar 6 on Wednesday**

### Ministers' rotas

**26<sup>th</sup> July - Seventeenth Sunday of the year**

**Saturday 6.00pm**

WM: Lillian Baldwin, Marie Rudrum

R: Andy Dutton

**Sunday 8:30 am**

WM: Penny Weaver, Margaret McGarr

R: Garry Hayter

**Sunday 10:30 am**

WM: Matthew Pattinson, James Close, Alick Friend

R: Polly Ribet

**2<sup>nd</sup> August – Eighteenth Sunday of the year**

**Saturday 6.00pm**

WM: Ellie Watson, Jessica Laguarda, Lisa Laguarda

R: David Gwyther

**Sunday 8:30 am**

WM: Penny Weaver,

R: Nick Pisa

**Sunday 10:30 am**

WM: Nicola, Imogen, Sienna Langley, Radka Dodge

R: Gill Gruzalski

### This Week's Readings:

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12; Ps119;

Romans 8: 28-30; Matthew 13: 44-52

You can see these readings at:

<https://www.universalis.com/20200726/mass.htm>

### Online Giving – Coronavirus

When our Church was closed, the Coronavirus affected 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 into 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 in years 10 & 11).

Find out more at [www.ablourdes2020.org](http://www.ablourdes2020.org)

**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

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

We are open for private prayer 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

# 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 on 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 –

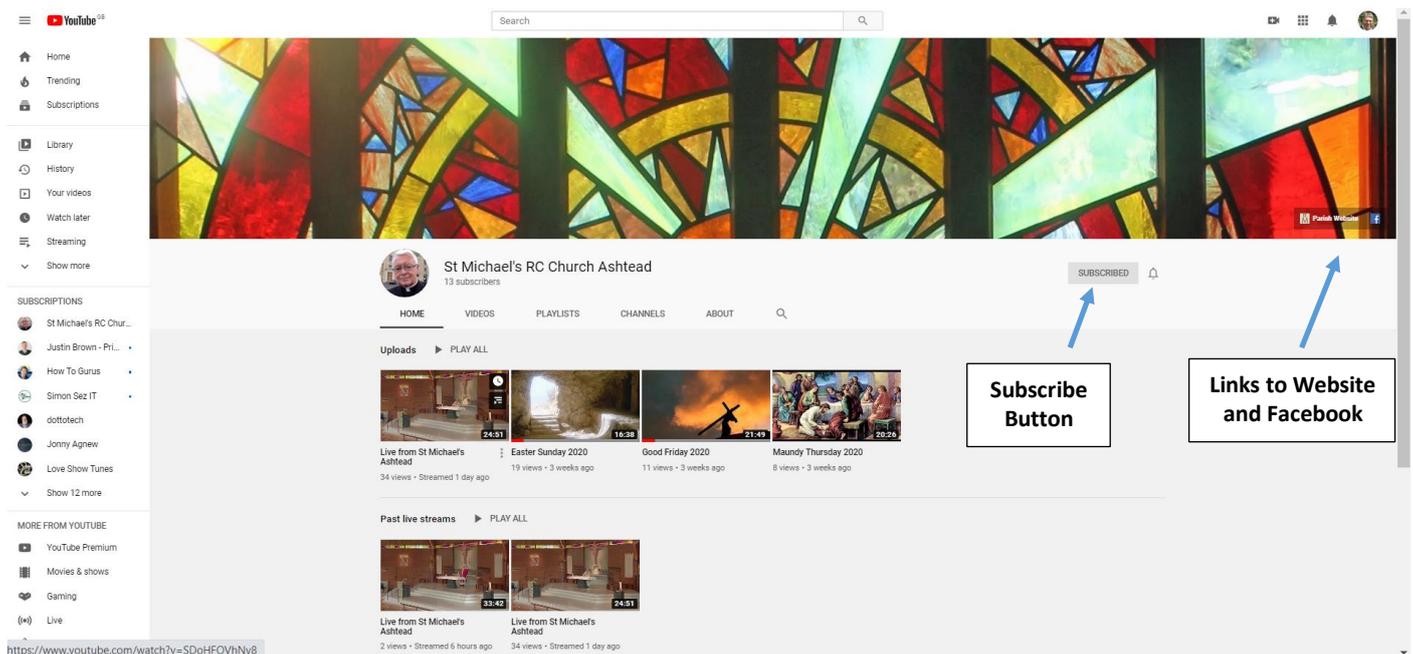
**Firstly**, follow this link: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3\\_ytZLYg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLYg). Yes, it is pretty horrible, but if we get enough subscribers (see below) we can ask for a personalised link!

**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!