

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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The Parish Office is partially open, but please do not come to the office unless you have made an appointment by ringing or emailing smichaeloffice@gmail.com

Please ring Fr Tony on his number above in an emergency.

Twenty First Sunday of the Year

Sat 22nd. 6.00pm Intentions of Mark & Helen McGaugh
Sun 23rd. 8.30am Virginia Dadswell RIP
10.30am People of the Parish

Mon 24th St Bartholomew, Apostle
NO MASS

Tues 25th Weekday
NO MASS

Wed 26th Weekday
9.30am Roger Chan-Lok RIP

Thurs 27th St. Monica
9.30am Danielle Holyoake RIP

Fri 28th St. Augustine
NO MASS

Sat 29th The Passion of John the Baptist
NO MASS

**29th/30th. August 2020 22nd. Sunday in Ordinary Time
NO MASS BUT**

6.00pm Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
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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.

Betty Novak, Alice Pederzoli,
Franek Cach, Katherine Hives,
Arthur Taylor, Fernando Wint.

May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

At Mass last weekend we prayed for the young people who were anxiously waiting for exam results, both A levels and GCSEs. Every year this is a very stressful time for young people and for their parents. This year the stress is so much higher because of the confusion and chaos resulting from decisions taken by the Government.

I don't want to get involved in the arguments about what should or should not have happened. Neither do I want to minimise the importance of these exams for young people and their future. I do, however, want to make a different point.

It is very important for young people to realise that, important as exams are, they are not the most important thing in life. We must never allow them to think that A levels and GCSE's are the measure of our worth. We all want young people to develop their gifts and talents to the full, but we must never imagine that our value can be measured by exam results.

Catholic education is "wholistic". We are concerned with the development of the whole person. I meet young people who are generous and genuinely concerned for others. I am often impressed by their concern for each other, and their compassion for those in need. These are qualities that cannot be measured by exams but will help them to grow into wonderful human beings who will make the world a better place.

If you meet a young person who is depressed by their exam results, you must do all that you can to help them recognise their true worth. They are precious in the sight of God: Make sure that they know how precious they are in your sight as well.

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

Face Coverings

Face coverings are now mandatory in Places of Worship. All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so.

. (See Page 5, Masks for Sale)

There will be **NO MASSES** during the weekend of 29th/30th August. Instead there will be Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.

The Trumpet – September edition

If you would like to contribute anything at all to the September edition of the Parish Magazine, please do get in touch by email smichaeloffice@gmail.com Or just post something through the post box outside the Parish Office. I'm sure there must be lots of strange lockdown stories good, bad, funny, sad, reflective etc etc please do share! *Alison*

Next Baptism Course on Tuesday 22nd of September 2020 in the Hall at 7pm.

Please note that you must email the Office smichaeloffice@gmail.com to book your place as we will be limited because of social distancing. Please make sure you are registered with us for 6 months before making a booking.

From today's Gospel reading:

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Reflection:

Jesus is not just a wise teacher or another prophet like John the Baptist, Elijah or Jeremiah. In our accepting Christ as "the Son of the living God" and receiving the grace God offers us in him, we can change our lives and affect the world around us. We can more and more show the person of Jesus to the world so that others will also come to acknowledge him as "the Son of the living God."

So, we ask ourselves:

What response would we give if Jesus were to ask us what he asked Peter? "But who do you say that I am?"

What changes must I make so that others will experience me as a person who believes that Jesus is "the Son of the living God?"

Request from the Police

The Police have requested that the attached poster, concerning Sophie Odere, be displayed in churches. This request has been made because Sophie Odere is known to be a practising Catholic. The photograph may be helpful to you in identifying her in the event that she appears at your door.

The Thursday evening prayer meetings on Zoom (each Thursday at 7pm for half an hour) are still going strong. They always begin with prayers for the pandemic but now, each week, we pray for something close to the heart of a particular parishioner, or family. The parishioner reads something to help our understanding and then prays about the issue, leaving time for all those present to quietly meditate on the issue in the presence of God.

If you would like to lead a session about an issue close to your heart, that would be wonderful. Do please contact Karen on k.lynych4@btinternet.com. Or, if you would like to join these meetings, please email smichaeloffice@gmail.com

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New for the autumn. Every Monday evening at 8pm. Join a Taketime meditation via zoom. Taketime meditations provide a calm, comfortable space in which to meet God. Please email meditations@olchurch.org.uk for the zoom link. To find out more about the meditations go to <https://taketime.org.uk/>

Parish Communications Do keep an eye on our Social Media **Visit St. Michael's Parish website** <http://www.stmichaelashtead.org.uk/>

Face Book Group

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

YouTube Channel (live streaming of Masses)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLYg/

Telephone support for the bereaved.

If you have been recently bereaved and you'd like to talk to someone but aren't able to do so or don't want to leave the house, we have members of our bereavement team who are able to offer you telephone support. If you would like to talk to someone then please contact the Parish office by email smichaeloffice@gmail.com let us know your telephone number and a good time to ring and one of the bereavement team will get back to you as soon as possible.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Lilia Luisis-Lynd 9 on Monday

Theodor Sachs 8, Hugo Stack 6, Alfie Fontana 5 on Tuesday

Samuel Smith 9, Alice Higgins 6 on Thursday

Neve McNamara 10, Willoughby Griffiths 5 on Friday

Jacob Daniels 3, Olivia Daniels 3 on Saturday

Ministers' rotas**22nd August –21st Sunday of the year**

Saturday 6.00pm

WM: Harry and Jan Cassar

R1 Ted Le Riche

Sunday 8:30 am

WM: Rocio and Santiago Opazo-Aniotz

R1 Martin O'Donovan

Sunday 10:30 am

WM: TBA

R1 Gill Gruzalski

29th. August – 22nd. Sunday of the year**Saturday 6.00pm**

WM: Lillian Baldwin and Phillipa Dupenois

R Alan Waters

Sunday 8:30 am

WM: Amanda and Angelika Tybura

R Gary Hayter

Sunday 10:30 am

WM: James Close and Radka Dodge

R Jessica Ribet

If you are able to be a welcomer or reader at the moment please contact the office smichaeloffice@gmail.com

This Week's Readings:

Isaiah 22: 19-23; Psalm 138;

Romans 11: 33-36; Matthew 16: 13-20

You can see these readings at:

<https://www.universalis.com/20200823/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

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:

comunications@abdiocese.org.uk T: 07552 249 829

Do you need any painting/decorating/bathroom fitting done?

Speak to Pierre Abi Sleiman, a church member for many years, ring 07711 252843 or 01372 278272

You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to

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 are not allowed into the church at this time

Sophie Odere

We have been requested by the Diocese and Police to Display this image of 15-year-old Sophie Odere who is currently missing. It is thought that she May seek refuge in a Catholic Church.

MISSING



Age at disappearance: **15**

Date missing: **13 Jul 2020**

Missing from: **Morecambe, Lancashire**

Sophie we are here for you whenever you are ready; we can listen, talk you through what help you need, pass a message for you and help you to be safe.

Sophie Odere

Please call or text 116 000

It's free, 24hr and confidential

or email 116000@missingpeople.org.uk or write to **FREEPOST Missing People**

To help Missing People bring Sophie to safety
text **HOPE** to **70707*** to donate £3

*Texts cost £3 plus your standard network charge. Missing People receives 100% of your donation. Obtain the bill payer's permission. Customer care 020 8392 4571.

To join the appeal for Sophie visit
www.missingpeople.org.uk/help-us-find

**missing
people**

Registered Charity No. 1026419

Masks for Sale

- and it's in a good Cause!

The creative card ladies of St Joseph's, Epsom are making good re-usable face masks. Now that face coverings are mandatory in shops and soon in churches too it is a wonderful time to support this venture. So far we have raised over £2,000 for The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary's work in Zambia with children with learning difficulties and their families.



The face coverings are made in three different sizes, ladies, men's and children's. They are made from 100% cotton. They have 3 layers of fabric meeting the WHO recommendation with a special filter sheet in the centre. They also have a nose clip and can be washed at high temperatures making them useable again and again. The cost/suggested donation for each mask is £5.

Mary Makinson is kindly taking the orders and delivering the masks.

Here are her details:

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