

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 272267 or emailing smichaeloffice@gmail.com

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

Twenty Third Sunday of the Year - Education Sunday

6.00pm Fernando & Vera Caprano RIP
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Kate Vaughan RIP.

Mon 7th Weekday
NO MASS

Tues 8th Nativity of the BVM
NO MASS

Wed 9th Weekday
NO MASS

Thurs 10th Weekday
NO MASS

Fri 11th Weekday
NO MASS

Sat 12th Weekday
NO MASS

12th/13th Sept. 2020 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm People of the Parish
8.30am Margery Mason RIP
10.30am Maureen Andrews RIP

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.

Joseph Lennon, Kate Vaughan,
Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Richard Jefferies,
Kathleen Ballinger, Bridget Howard,
James Vaughan. Adele Gruzalski,
Michael McInally.
May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

We have been able to celebrate Mass with a congregation for some two months now. It has been good to see people again after the dreary weeks of lockdown. As you know, we have all sorts of restrictions on what we do and how we do it, but I am very glad that we have got this far.

Until now we have had much smaller congregations than before Lockdown. So far about 30% have returned to Mass. Talking to other priests in different parts of the Country this would seem fairly typical. Somewhere between two thirds and three quarters are yet to return.

This weekend is the first weekend since the schools returned, and we are hoping to see a significant increase in numbers both here and across the country. We speak about the "Obligation of Sunday Mass". As you know, the Bishops of England and Wales lifted that obligation at the start of Lockdown, and that remains the case. That sense of obligation is no bad thing, but it would be very sad if people only came to Mass out of a sense of an imposed obligation. I would echo something that Pope Benedict wrote a few years ago, in that far from being something imposed on us from without, the sense of obligation should come from within. It might better be described as a realisation in our hearts of our need to share in the Lord's sacrifice week by week.

We know that quite a few people are still "shielding", while others are anxious about coming out, but I certainly hope to see many more at Mass in the coming weeks.

With my love and prayers for each of you

Fr. Tony

Revised Confirmation dates 3rd & 17th October 2020

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)

This weekend we welcome Fr. Philip Pak to Celebrate Mass with us.

The Trumpet – September edition -11th Sept deadline

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 said to his disciples, "If your sister or brother sins against you, go and tell them their fault between you and them alone. If they listen to you, you have won over your brother or sister.

Reflection:

As Jesus' disciples we are to be a people who reflect his presence in our midst. Since forgiveness is such a rare commodity among individuals, communities, religions, tribes, races and nations, a community that is characterized by forgiveness would certainly be a way of announcing Jesus Christ to the world. If forgiveness were the hallmark of our Christian community, we would be what Jesus hoped for us to be – "a city built on a hilltop," a "light to the nations."

So, we ask ourselves:

What effect has forgiveness had on my own life?
What person or institution am I called to forgive?
Let me begin the forgiveness process by praying for the one(s) who have offended me.

CAFOD has produced a novena to St Francis which can be used as a beautiful song of penitence and praise, guiding us to care for the earth and for our most vulnerable sisters and brothers, especially the people of the Amazon. Perhaps your parish has reopened, and can share and pray the novena. If you are able to mark the Season of Creation in your parish from 1 September to 4 October, this novena would be a wonderful guide to your group prayer and reflection. Visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation> to view our online resources

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.lynch4@btinternet.com Or, if you would like to join these meetings, please email smichaeloffice@gmail.com

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/

CONFIRMATION The dates have been changed to **Saturday 3rd and 17th October**

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day parish collections are due to be held at Masses on 10/11 October. This is a Harvest Like No Other. We know that parishes are struggling financially and there is anxiety about the future.

Coronavirus is a crisis that affects us all and the long-term effects of the virus on the lives of those in poor communities will be devastating.

Let's bring our parish communities together to help.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Kim Green 13 on Saturday
Alisha Coyne 10, Alex De Schulthess 12 on Sunday
Lily Eve Moustafa 8, Emily Alice Moustafa 12 on Monday
George Harvey 12, Sofia Di Carlo 10, Ethan Laryea 6 on Thursday

Ministers' rotas

5th September – 23rd Sunday of the year

Saturday 6.00pm

WM :Marie Rudrum and Toby Hare

R: Debbie Di Carlo

Sunday 8.30am

WM: Matthew Pattinson and Penny Weaver

R: David Gwyther

Sunday 10.30am

WM: James Close and Radka Dodge

R: Cara Heden

12th September – 24th Sunday of the year

Saturday 6.00pm

WM :Jan Cassar and Shirley Pattinson

R: Ted LeRiche

Sunday 8.30am

WM:David Warnock, Rocio & Santiago

R: Gary Hayter

Sunday 10.30am

WM: tba

R: Jacqui Shabankareh

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

This Week's Readings:

Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Psalm 95;

Romans 13: 8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20

You can see these readings at:

<https://www.universalis.com/20200906/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:

communications@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

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

We are open for private prayer and Mass 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

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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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tommarymakinson@gmail.com