

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 Fourth Sunday of the Year

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

Mon 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
9.30am Monica McAllister RIP

Tues 15th Our Lady of Sorrows
9.30am Kathleen McDevitt RIP

Wed 16th Ss Cornelius and Cyprian
NO MASS

Thurs 17th Weekday
9.30am John Sheehy RIP

Fri 18th Weekday
9.30am Henri Menjou RIP

Sat 19th Weekday
10am Leonard Anderson RIP
Followed by the burial of his ashes

19th/20th Sept - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm David Wall RIP
8.30am Mavis Lewandowska 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.

Denis Harrington, Thomas Geoghegan, Margery Mason,
Mavis Lewandowska, Alice Dobbe, Celia Spridgeon,
Mark Gamache, David Wall, Maureen Andrews,
John Manning, Simon McCarthy, Patrick Warnock
and Elizabeth Langton
May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

It is now two months since we resumed public Masses at St. Michael's.

I want to say thank you to everyone for your cooperation in making that possible. So many people have contributed to a smooth return.

Inevitably things have certainly not returned to normal. The liturgy is very much reduced, not least in the area of music.

I am very grateful to Emma and Jeff who have used their musical skills and ingenuity to provide at least some music at the 10.30 Mass on Sundays. You may not be aware that with the broadcasting of the Mass "on line" there are all sorts of regulations governing what we can sing.

I hope that with the most recent guidelines we might be able to do a little more. Sadly we are still not allowed to "sing a joyful sing to the Lord", except in our hearts.

It is very difficult to see how things will go in the coming weeks and months. The most recent restrictions do not change what we can do in church. Churches are "Covid safe" as far as anywhere is and people should feel free to return to Mass.

At present, less than a third of our regular parishioners have returned. Many are still "self isolating", and others are still understandably nervous of being with large numbers of people. I hope that many of them are sharing in our live-streamed Mass, which is a wonderful resource for us.

Nonetheless we need to see many more people return in person to Mass and help us rebuild what has been undermined by the pandemic.

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)

The Trumpet – September edition –

Dear Parishioners, sadly I've have not received enough material to create a September Trumpet this time. I do understand how difficult it is for everybody adjusting to the new normal and that the Parish Magazine is not 'top of mind'. Hopefully we can look forward to a Christmas edition.

Alison

Next Baptism Course on Tuesday 22nd of September 2020 in the **CHURCH** 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:

Peter approached Jesus and asked him: "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times, But seventy-seven times."

Reflection:

Reflecting on the gift of forgiveness God has given us, might enable us to forgive the debts we hold against others. Being changed by the forgiveness God always makes available to us, can enable us to forgive, the way God does, free of charge.

So, we ask ourselves:

- What experience have I had of getting something for free that I needed, didn't earn, or deserve?
- Was I changed and deeply affected by that experience?
- Was I moved in a similar way to be as generous to another?

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.lynych4@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:

Caitlyn George 11 on Sunday

Eileen Delaney 7 and Cormal Kelly 4 on Monday

Ashton Ferguson 8 on Tuesday

Thomas Pearson 12 and Sophie Milewska-Hilliard 5 on

Wednesday

Jack Harvey 10 Christopher Southon 7 and Layla Berry 5 on

Thursday

Miles Davies 12 on Friday

Parents of Year 6 Children applying for St Andrews – signing the SIF form.

Please post your forms in the post box outside the office, Fr Tony will sign them and then we will let you know when they are ready to be picked up.

Ministers' rotas

12/13th September – 24th Sunday of the year

Saturday 6.00pm

WM :Jan Cassar and Harry Cassar

R: Ted LeRiche

Sunday 8.30am

WM: Rocio & Santiago

R: Garry Hayter

Sunday 10.30am

WM: James Close and Tala Gogy

R: Jacqui Shabankareh

19/20th September – 25th Sunday of the year

Saturday 6.00pm

WM :R Simonetti

R: Casey Stokes

Sunday 8.30am

WM: Margaret McGarr and Penny Weaver

R: David Gwyther

Sunday 10.30am

WM: Marina Chaning-Pearce and Helen Adams

R: Daisy McBride

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

This Week's Readings:

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7; Psalm 102: 1-4. 9-12 r.8;

Romans 14: 7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

You can see these readings at:

<https://www.universalis.com/20200913/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/parishoffortory>

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

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

**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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