

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 Second Sunday of the Year

Sat 29th 6.00pm Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Sun 30th 8.30am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
10.30am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.

Mon 31st St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne
NO MASS

Tues 1st Weekday
9.30am Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor RIP

Wed 2nd Weekday
NO MASS

Thurs 3rd St. Gregory the Great
NO MASS

Fri 4th St. Cuthbert
NO MASS

Sat 5th St Teresa of Kolkatta
NO MASS

5th/6th Sept. 2020 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6.00pm Fernando & Vera Caprano RIP
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Kate Vaughan 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.

Joe Dobbe, Patricia Edwards, Joseph McHugh,
Marguerite Hart, Fr Peter De'ath, Kitty Dixon,
Corinne Bond, Dorothy Foy, Alun Philips,
George Wild, Barbara Micallef, Vera Caprano

May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

16 children have been able to make their First Holy Communion so far since we resumed public Masses. I hope that the rest of the group will be able to do so in the coming weeks. It has been a very happy arrangement as each family agrees on a particular date for their child. We have had both Sundays and weekdays, but most have chosen Saturday mornings. We have to limit numbers to comply with the restrictions laid down by the Government, but the result has been a much more personal celebration for the children. It has been an opportunity for other parishioners to share with the children and their families.

I hope similarly to be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 13 of our young people in October. We will have two Confirmation Masses on Saturday mornings. October 3rd and 10th.

The Bishop has asked the Parish Priests to administer the Sacrament this year.

Again the number coming will have to be limited in line with Government restrictions, but the celebrations will each be live streamed, which will allow relatives and friends to share in the occasion. They will also be very personal occasions for the young people.

At present we are not allowed to use the "Reconciliation Room" for Confessions, so I would invite anyone who wishes to make their Confession to telephone me or text me to arrange a convenient time.

Please don't make your Confession to my answerphone or text me a list of sins!

But feel free to make an appointment for a time that will suit us both.

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 Mass during the week on Tuesday am. Next weekend we welcome Fr. Philip Pak to say Mass for us.

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 "Romans" reading:

"Do not conform yourselves to this age; but be transformed By the renewal of your mind that you may discern what is the Will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect."

Reflection:

It is clear we can't take the cross out of our religion. We can't take it out of our daily consciousness either. We may not suffer on the same kind of cross Jesus did, or be martyred the way so many who have followed him have been. But still, Jesus tells us we must each take up our cross and follow him – and the cross costs. The cross is not simply something we wear as an accessory around our necks. The cross will cost us if we follow what Paul tells us today.

So, we ask ourselves:

- Do I wear a cross around my neck or have one on the wall of a room at home?
- Why? What does that visible symbol of Christ's suffering mean to me?
- How does it affect my daily life – what I do and the decisions I make?

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.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/

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:

Vivienne Williams 7 on Sunday

Sophia Newman 11 on Monday

Joseph Stack 9 and Oscar Daniels 7 on Tuesday

Bella Wickham 7 and Madison Joubert on Wednesday

Olivia James-Mitchell 11 on Thursday

Daniel Merlini 12 and Jessica Stafford Binns 11 on Friday

Ministers' rotas

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 Gill Gruzalski

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: tba

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

This Week's Readings:

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 62:2-6. 8-9 r. 2;

Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

You can see these readings at:

<https://www.universalis.com/20200830/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

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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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tommarymakinson@gmail.com