

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-Eighth Sunday of the Year

6.00pm Gill Hamilton RIP
8.30am Santiago Crampin-Opatz
10.30am People of the Parish

Mon 12th St Wilfrid
9.30am Francis Clark RIP

Tues 13th Weekday
9.30am Fr Geoffrey Nixon RIP

Wed 14th **NO MASS**

Thurs 15th St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)
9.30am Family & Friends of Barbara & Ray Quinlan

Fri 16th Weekday
9.30am **Vacant Mass Intention**

Sat 10th St Ignatius of Antioch
10am Confirmation Candidates

17th/18th October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm People of the Parish
8.30am **Vacant Mass Intention**
10.30am DRF of the Murphy & Cosgrove Families

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Simon Warren (*Bill O'Neill's brother-in-law*) Mavis Bazeley,
Philip MacDonald, Myra Vanner, Sylvia Crampin, Clare Derry,
Margaret McArdle, Mike Morley, Peggy Brogan,
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.

Robert Warwick, Francis Clark, Lesley Vincent,
Sandra McDonnell, Angela Rose, Barbara Byllan-Barnes,
Mary McCarthy, Mary Ethelreda Gill, Salma Jura
and **Vincent Smyth** (husband of Christine) who died on Monday
after a long illness.
May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

During the Lockdown period it was not possible to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism along with other Sacraments except in a very restricted form and in emergencies. The most recent new restrictions have meant that we are only allowed to have 6 people present at a baptism. The number for a wedding is just fifteen, and thirty for a funeral.

I am quite concerned that this has led a number of people to cancel previously arranged baptisms or postpone them until the pandemic and its restrictions have passed. The reason given for cancellation is that the Post-Baptism party cannot go ahead in these circumstances. This is putting the cart before the horse. Baptism is not just an excuse for a party, but a Sacrament, in which the child is received into the Church, and begins to share in the life of grace, won for us by Christ in his death on the Cross and Resurrection.

The Church has always encouraged parents to bring the child for Baptism soon after birth. In days when infant mortality was much more common this was taken very literally. Today several months is not uncommon, but it is quite wrong to delay the Baptism by many months in order to have a big party. It would be much better to celebrate the Baptism now with just six people present and then invite everyone to a party next Spring or Summer at a date of your choosing.

Baptism is a Sacrament of Faith. It is important to reach out and welcome parents bringing their children for Baptism. At the same time the priest needs to have a reasonable confidence that the parents will do all they can to bring the child up in the practice of the Faith. It is increasingly clear, sadly, in not a few cases that this is not the intention at all. For some, at least, the real intention is to get the child into the Catholic school, and Baptism is the best way to achieve this.

We will go on welcoming parents who want to try to bring up their children in the Faith. We will do all we can to support them in every way, but we need to have some indication that they are serious about their intentions.

Fr. Tony

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.

RACE FOR GRACE (*also see page 5 of this newsletter*)

Little Grace Sheridan was only five and in year 1 at St Peters school when she lost her battle with Neuroblastoma. A few of us decided to train towards completing the Beachy Head Marathon in her memory. Fr Tony spoke at Grace's funeral about how much love this little girl inspired in her short life and this was clearly felt as the original group of 4 grew to 50 of us, including Grace's head teacher Mr McKenzie and 7 of his amazing teaching staff.

Covid has cancelled so much but Beachy Head Marathon is still going ahead on October 24th. We are raising money for 2 charities; Neuroblastoma UK and Christopher's Shooting Star Children's Hospice. If you could spare a few pounds and sponsor us and spread the word amongst your own friends and family we would be very grateful. Please follow us and share our training news through Facebook and Instagram

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RaceForGrace2020>

Insta: @RaceForGrace5

Facebook: @RaceForGrace2020

Test and Trace:

When attending church for Mass or private prayer, you are required to 'check-in' as you would if visiting a restaurant or pub. You can do this in one of two ways.

Either by filling in a slip of paper that the venue provides with your name and phone number **or** by using the governments 'Test and Trace App, which does the hard work for you!.

The attachment on **page 8** explains how to download the app and how it works. There is also a poster-sized copy on display in the church porch.

From today's Gospel reading:

The king said to his servants... "Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find. The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.

Reflection:

Like those from the main roads invited to the feast, our church is also a mixture of the "bad and good alike" and so the second part of the parable challenges us. How are we changing our lives in response to the invitation to the wedding God has given us? Do we realize the gift we have received? If all are guests, none meriting the invitation, but brought in by grace, then how could we Christians continue to separate and divide ourselves according to race, gender, country of origin, language, newcomers and old timers, well dressed and the poor?

So, we ask ourselves:

What is our attitude and disposition towards other "guests" in our community of faith?
How can I welcome them to share in the good things God has given us?

Professor Anna Rowlands writes:

"The (new) Encyclical Letter 'Fratelli tutti' is about love and attention – the kind of attention that brings a broken and bleeding world back to health. It is a social meditation on the Good Samaritan, who recognises love and attention as the preeminent law, and models for us creative social friendship. Pope Francis asks us to gaze at the world similarly, such that we come to see the basic, indispensable relation of all things and people, near and far. In its simplicity of call, Fratelli tutti is a devastating challenge to our ecological, political, economic and social life. But above all it is a proclamation of an ineradicable, joyful truth, presented here as a well-spring for a fatigued world." You can find the encyclical at http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html

Thursday Evening Prayer on-line – Do join us. In recent weeks we have benefitted from a series of information and prayer sessions on Thursdays, led by members of the Parish; thoughtful and prayer -provoking meditations about issues close to the hearts of those leading. Jeff and Emma gave musical and technical support (and Jeff's fantastic illustrated hymns) to each session. We also take prayer requests for the sick and suffering known to us. In the coming weeks we are pausing to re-visit these issues and causes – and to pray for faith, love, peace, wisdom and justice - the themes running through every session. As well as continuing to pray for the pandemic. If you would like to join some or any of these prayer services please email k.lynch4@btinternet.com and the link for the Zoom call will be sent to you.

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/

10/11 Oct CAFOD's Family Fast Day Family Fast Day collection is being taken at each Mass this weekend and so please place any donations for this into the basket provided for Cafod in the porch-for other ways of donating please see below. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected. You can donate: online at cafod.org.uk/give, using one of the envelopes or Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Sunday Tiernan Tilley 13

Monday Tamara & Jason Steele 11

Tuesday Megan Heden 9, Zackery Taylor 7, Skylia Hewett 5,

Iris Sullivan 6.

Wednesday Benjamin Surbuts 11, Kaley Frost 10

Friday Charlotte Little 11

100 Club 2020/2021 – Many thanks to everyone who was part of the 100 Club this past year. I hope it's a bit of fun together with raising £1,200 per year for parish funds. Your renewal forms have been sent out in the post this year. Please contact the office if you are not part of the 100 club but would like to be smichaeloffice@gmail.com

Ministers' rotas 10th/11th October 28th Sunday of the year

Saturday 6.00pm

WM: L & J Laguarda,

R: Alan Waters

Sunday 8.30am

WM: Rocio and Santiago

R: Martin O'Donovan

Sunday 10.30am

WM: Radka Dodge, Helen Adams

R: Jacqui Shabankerah

17th/18th October 29th Sunday of the year

Saturday 6.00pm

WM: R Simonetti & J Cassar

R: P Dupénois

Sunday 8.30am

WM: M McGarr, P Weaver

R: N Pisa

Sunday 10.30am

WM: Kathryn Casson, James Close

R: Cara Heden

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 25: 6-10; Psalm 23;

Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22: 1-10

You can see these readings at:

<https://www.universalis.com/20201011/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

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

THIS IS GRACE

Grace was 5 years old and a pupil at St. Peter's Primary School, Leatherhead, when she lost her long battle with Neuroblastoma in September 2019.

WE ARE RACE FOR GRACE

Race For Grace are a group of family, mums, teachers and friends training for the Beachy Head Marathon on 24th October 2020 in memory of Grace.

We are raising funds for Neuroblastoma UK to support their vital research into this rare and aggressive form of childhood cancer and also for Shooting Star Children's Hospice who provided amazing care and support to Grace and her family during her final weeks.

Please sponsor us to **RAISE FOR GRACE**, so that these charities can continue to support the children and families on their journey with Neuroblastoma. Thank you.

To donate, please visit

uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RaceForGrace2020



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:

01737 358317

tommarymakinson@gmail.com

St Michael's Catholic Church

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PHOTOGRAPHS and LIVE STREAMING CONSENT FORM

I am aware that some Masses and other celebrations in St Michael's Church, Ashtead will be live streamed and may be recorded and I consent to my image or my child's image appearing.

I also consent to a photograph/still image in which I appear being published on (a) The Parish Website, (b) The Parish Magazine, (c) The A & B News (the Diocesan Newspaper) (d) local press or (e) Parish Social Media

Full Name.....

Signature.....

Parental Consent

Full Name

Relationship with child

Signature.....

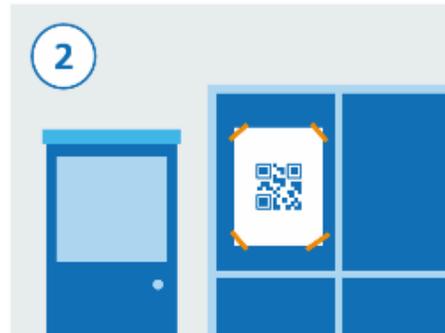
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How to use QR codes to check into a venue

User guide



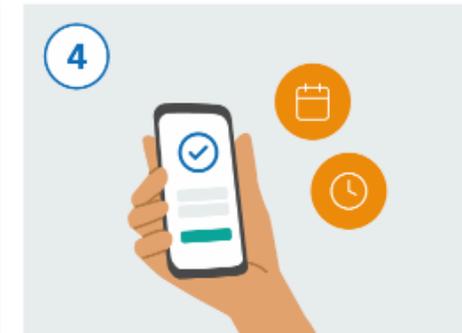
1 Download the NHS COVID-19 app from the App Store or Google Play Store.



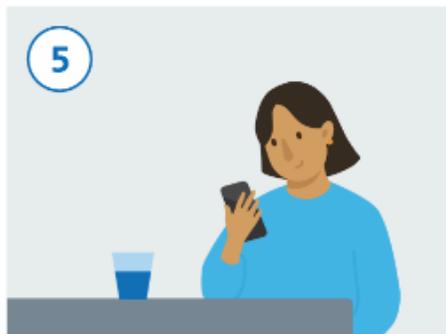
2 When you visit a venue, check to see if there is a NHS COVID-19 app QR poster on display.



3 Open your NHS COVID-19 app and tap "Venue Check In". Now use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code on the poster.



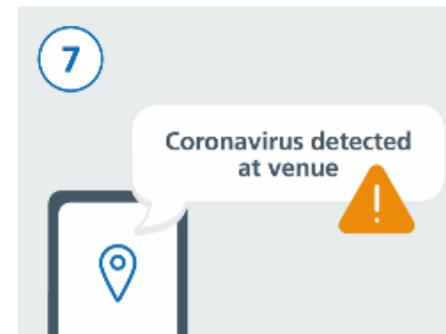
4 The time and date of your visit will be stored on the app. It will not be sent or shared with anyone else.



5 After scanning your QR code on the poster, you are now successfully checked in.



6 If you go to another venue, open your NHS COVID-19 app and tap "Venue Check In". Now use your smartphone camera to scan their QR poster.



7 You may get an alert if NHS contact tracers identify that you have recently visited a venue where you may have come into contact with coronavirus (COVID-19). If you are under 18, you are advised to show this alert to a trusted adult.



8 If you develop coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, make sure to record them in the NHS COVID-19 app and follow Government guidelines/advice.