

# 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](mailto:smichaeloffice@gmail.com)**

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

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

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

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
12.00 noon Requiem Mass – Vincent Smyth

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
9.30am George Phillips RIP

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> **NO MASS**

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Weekday  
9.30am Carole Appleford's Parents

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Weekday  
9.30am Vacant Mass Intention

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
11am Requiem Mass – Aloysius Keeley

## 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> October - 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm Ricky Byrne RIP  
8.30am People of the Parish  
10.30am Mary Murphy RIP

## 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.

Daphne Dunnell, Karol Colonna Czosnowski, Margaret Leonard,  
Amelia Mary Quintin, Audrey Wrigley, Ann Haynes, Bernard  
Quinlan, Michael Montague, Eileen McCabe, Mercy Dadswell  
Mary McNally and Francis Murphy and Peter Owens de  
Schultess, Myra Vanner (Fr. Tony's cousin) and Vincent Smyth  
who died recently  
**May they Rest in Peace**

My Dear Friends,

We have now been back in church for three months. I thought it might be useful to dwell on some of the positive things we have learnt during this time.

We are all aware of the limitations and the drawbacks. We are conscious of those we are missing, but I think we need to take note of the good things as well.

I have long felt that the modern Liturgy lacks times of silence. Sunday Mass can become a bit too "busy". We are encouraged to allow time to collect our thoughts before the opening and closing prayers of the Mass. I am guilty as anyone of going straight from "Let Us Pray" into the actual prayer, allowing no time for thought at all. I must improve.

We have a pause for reflection immediately after the homily, and a longer one after Holy Communion. It seems to me that they have helped to create a more prayerful atmosphere at Mass. At the moment I have introduced a short time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament after Holy Communion. Many people, and certainly younger ones, had never seen the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the monstrance before.

In introducing this at this time I was thinking in the first place of people at home making a spiritual Communion, but it also served as a timely reminder for the rest of us of the real and abiding presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

For me at least, this renewed awareness of Christ's presence among us and times of prayerful silence have enriched our Liturgy. As and when we can restore those elements that have been abandoned at this time we must ensure that what we have gained is not lost.

With my love and prayers for each of you,

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.

**Advance Warning:** On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November (Remembrance Sunday) Masses will be at 8.00 am and 9.30 am.

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

Little Grace Sheridan was only five and in year 1 at St Peter's 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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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:** 1.How to check into a venue using QR codes (see poster) **or** 2.Written records

The test and trace service will help to reduce the spread of COVID-19, save lives and also help us to get back to a more normal way of life. We must do our bit as a church community to support this.

1. The simplest way for those who can use QR codes is to utilise the NHS COVID-19 App, launched last week. THE POSTER IS DISPLAYED IN THE PORCH (and on page 7 below). Scan the QR code OR
2. Write your name and number on the list in the porch, preferably using your own pen.

**From today's 1 Thessalonians reading:**

For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

**Reflection:**

Paul reminds the Thessalonians that they not only heard the word of the gospel but saw its effects on their lives. If we are going through a testing time it's good to remind ourselves how God helped us in the past. Such a reminder can build hope and enable endurance in the present.

**So, we ask ourselves:**

- Is there someone who needs to hear an encouraging word from us?
- When I try to give that support will I do as Paul does, remind them of the faith they have received and how God is their source of power and endurance?

The live-streaming of Mass is currently unavailable at the moment due to some You-tube issues, we'll let you know as soon as possible when it is back.

**REMINDERS**

Dear Parishioners, first of all let's be thankful that Fr Tony is able to say Mass almost every day since July. We are socially distanced, using facemasks and hand gel and cleaning our space where we have been sitting in the Church. So far so good, but we mustn't let out guard down. Let's just keep reminding ourselves why we are doing this and continuing to do this. What would be really helpful is if parishioners arrive on time at Mass at the weekends so that they can be seated in the most efficient way. The toilets also remain closed

**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.

**Thursday Evening Prayer on-line – Do join us**

This week we devoted our meeting to praying again for the pandemic. In recent weeks we have benefitted from a series of information and prayer sessions on Thursdays, led by members of the Parish. These were thoughtful and prayer - provoking meditations about issues close to the hearts of those leading. - the plight of Prisoners, UK Food Poverty, the work of CAFOD, The Yemen, The Church in Need and The Season of Creation. 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. If you would like to join some or any of these prayer services please email [k.lynych4@btinternet.com](mailto:k.lynych4@btinternet.com) and the link for the Zoom call will be sent to you.

Our parish raised a fantastic £ 1,004.75 for **CAFOD's coronavirus appeal** this **Harvest Family Fast Day**. Your support will help ensure our global family can survive, rebuild and heal. Thank you for your generosity, and please keep the world's poorest communities in your prayers at this time. You can still donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) or by using one of the envelopes.

**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\\_ytZLYq/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLYq/)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

**Samuel Bailey 5 on Sunday**

**Riley Jewell 8 on Tuesday**

**Rosanna Eden 5 on Wednesday**

**Ronnie Spink 13, Elise Coleman 7, Oliver Fair 5 ,  
Alexandra Shiels 7, Joshua Amos 5 and Isla Pidgeon 7 on Friday**

**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](mailto:smichaeloffice@gmail.com)

The next **Baptism Course** will be at 7.00pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Ministers' rotas 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

**24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> October 30th Sunday of the year**

Saturday 6.00pm

WM: R Lillian Baldwin and M. Anderson

R: Debbie Di Carlo

Sunday 8.30am

WM: Penny Weaver

R: David Gwyther

Sunday 10.30am

WM: Christina Bellini

R: Daisy McBride

*If you are able to be a welcomer or reader at the moment please contact the office [smichaeloffice@gmail.com](mailto:smichaeloffice@gmail.com)*

**This Week's Readings:**

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6,

Psalms 95;

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5;

Matthew 22:15-21

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](mailto: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](mailto:communications@abdiocese.org.uk) T: 07552 249 829

**You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to [newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk](mailto: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 and not allowed into the church at this time



### **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](https://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](mailto:tommarymakinson@gmail.com)

**St Michael's Catholic Church**

**The Marld, Ashtead, Surrey KT21 1RS**

**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.....

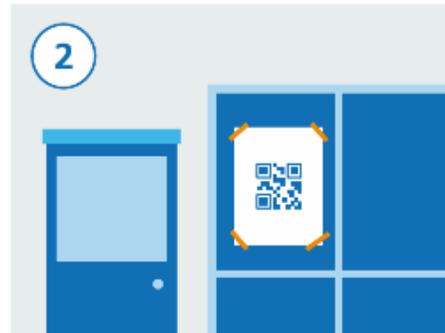
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# How to use QR codes to check into a venue

## User guide



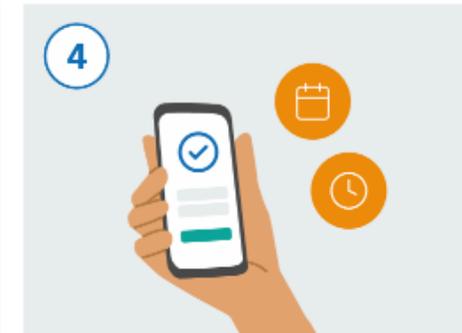
1 Download the NHS COVID-19 app from the App Store or Google Play Store.



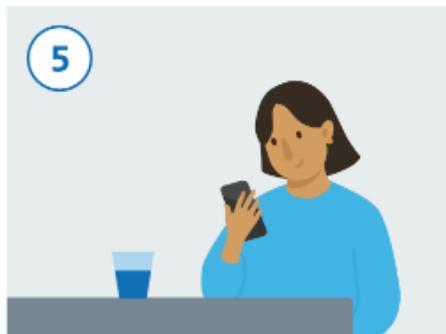
2 When you visit a venue, check to see if there is a NHS COVID-19 app QR poster on display.



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.



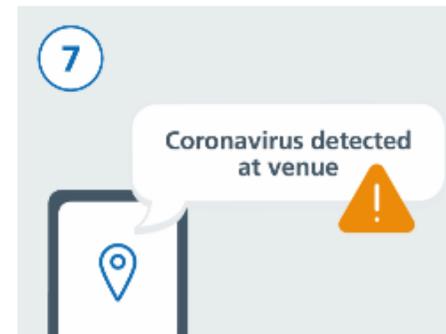
4 The time and date of your visit will be stored on the app. It will not be sent or shared with anyone else.



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.