

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.

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

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

Mon 26th Weekday
9.30am Gervais Chan-Lok RIP

Tues 27th Weekday
9.30am Danielle Schembti RIP

Wed 28th. **NO MASS**

Thurs 29th. Weekday
9.30am Sacred heart of Jesus

Fri 30th **NO MASS**

Sat 31st Weekday
10am Holy Souls

Followed by Blessing of the church garden - ashes

31 October/1 November – ALL SAINTS

6.00pm People of the Parish
8.30am The Thursfield Family
10.30am George and Pauline Amos RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Simon Warren Mavis Bazeley,
Philip MacDonald, 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.

Audrey Wrigley, Ann Haynes, Bernard Quinlan,
Michael Montague, Eileen McCabe, Mercy Dadswell,
Mary McNally, Francis Murphy, Ricky Byrne
George Byrne, Michael Whelan,
Louis Chan-Lok, John Fitzsimmons.
May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

We have now completed the celebration of Confirmation for 14 of our young people, and all but one of the First Holy Communion celebrations.

Looking to the future we have the month of November when we pray for all the Faithful Departed. On Saturday October 31st I will bless our church garden where so many of you have buried the ashes of your loved ones. I hope that many of you will come to share in the Mass and the blessing.

Monday November 2nd will be All. Souls' Day, marking the beginning of this month of prayer. The book of remembrance will be placed before the altar throughout the month. Unfortunately, current restrictions mean that you will not be able to add names to the book, but in any case, the book is only a symbol of our prayers for all our loved ones who have died.

On Saturday November 14th I hope to continue our custom of a special Mass for all the bereaved at which the names of loved ones are read out and an individual candle is lit for each one.

Thank you once again to everyone for your continued support and for your presence in church, and to those who are shielding at home, but united with us in prayer.

With my love and prayers for each of you,

Fr. Tony

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.

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 8th 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 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: 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.

This weekend we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the canonisation of the 40 martyrs of England and Wales – see attachment.

St. John's Seminary, Wonersh

Many of you will have heard that St John's Seminary in Wonersh is to close in its present form. The Seminary has served the Church for 130 years and there is great sadness that formation must now end at the site.

Unfortunately, there was no new intake this September. With the seminarian body numbering just 17 the community is small, with the building and staffing costs too high to sustain. Arrangements have been made for the remaining seminarians to join the community at Allen Hall, in September 2021.

Archbishop John Wilson and Bishop Richard are committed to providing priestly formation that will serve the people of our Dioceses and parishes into the future. St John's will remain a legal entity so that consideration can be given to the ways in which the tradition of priestly formation established at Wonersh in 1891 will continue.

The Trustees of St John's are extremely grateful to rectors, staff and seminarians, past and present, and to all those who have supported the Seminary over the years. We ask our Diocesan church family to pray for vocations to the priesthood, keeping our seminarians in their thoughts and prayers over the coming months.

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 our 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 they can be picked up after a couple of days on Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 to 1.30 from a table outside the office.

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 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/

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Sophia Hajarha 4 on Sunday

George Latham 10, Samuel Stafford Binns 11, Samara Coskuner 8 on Monday

Hogan Lion 12 on Tuesday

Zacharias Phillips Gonzalez 12 on Thursday.

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

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

Ministers' rotas 24th/25th 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

31st.Oct/1st Nov 31st Sunday of the year

Saturday 6.00pm

WM: Alison Grimmer and Felix Grimmer

R: Ted Le Riche

Sunday 8.30am

WM: Amanda Tybura and Angelika Tybura

R: Garry Hayter

Sunday 10.30am

WM: Tala Gogy and Radka Dodge

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 are taken from the Votive Mass of the 40 Martyrs – see attachment.

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

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 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



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.

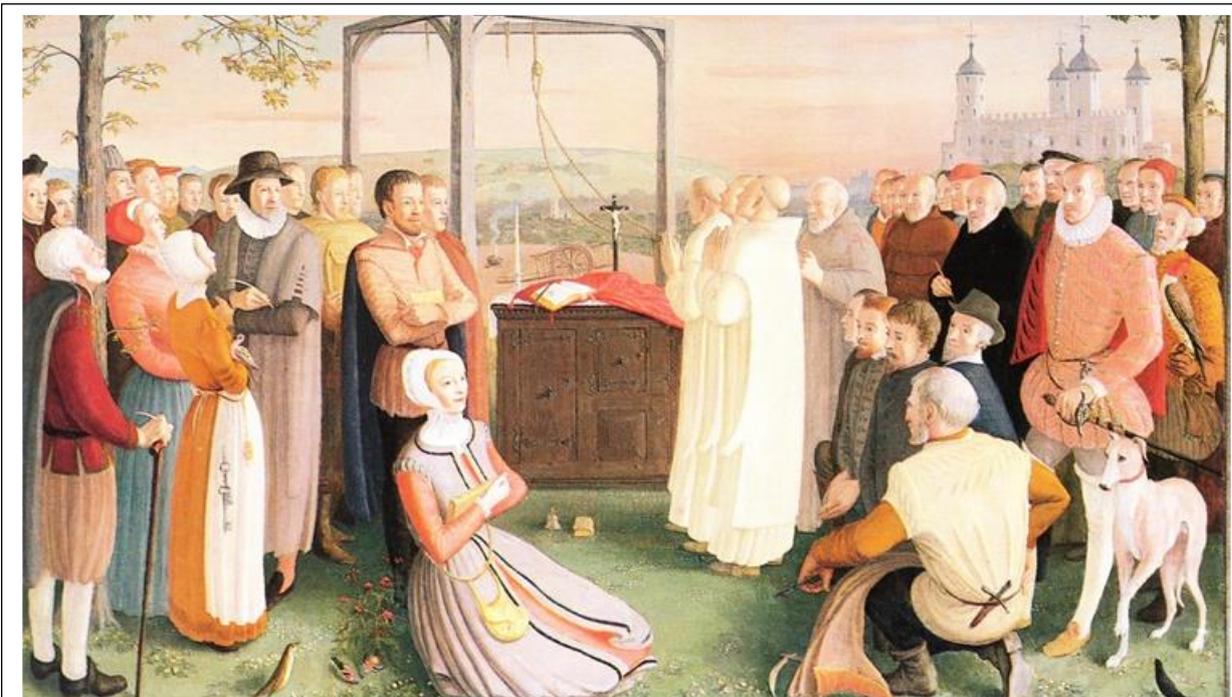
We are raising funds for Neuroblastoma UK to support their vital research into this rare and aggressive form of childhood cancer and also for Shooting Star Children's Hospice who provided amazing care and support to Grace and her family during her final weeks.

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
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THE 40 MARTYRS OF ENGLAND AND WALES



Votive Mass of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales

On the Fiftieth Anniversary of their Canonisation

1970 - 25th October - 2020

THE FORTY MARTYRS

The feast of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales honours the hundreds of British men and women who suffered persecution and died for their Catholic faith during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries in the wake of the dispute between the Pope and King Henry VIII. Countless loyal Catholics were tortured and killed between 1535 and 1679.

On 4th May 1535, the first of these many martyrs of the English Reformation were hanged, drawn and quartered on the gallows at Tyburn. Although some have been canonised or beatified, the true number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or were tortured or persecuted for their faith – the ancient faith of their country – is not known. Thousands of others were driven into exile or deliberately reduced to penury under merciless penal laws.

The martyrs celebrated today came from every walk of life: rich and poor; married and single; men and women; priests, religious and lay people. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith, and courage in the face of persecution which lasted almost a hundred and fifty years and left a permanent mark on English culture.

When King Henry VIII, after his break with Rome, proclaimed himself “the only Supreme head on earth of the Church of England”, Catholics felt that he had appropriated a supremacy in spiritual matters that belonged only to the Pope.

While they wished to remain loyal subjects of the Crown, as the legitimately constituted authority, for reasons of conscience they refused to recognise the ‘spiritual supremacy’ of the King. When the Act of Supremacy was passed in 1534, many faced a serious dilemma, and even death, rather than act against their conscience and deny their

Catholic faith. (From an ecumenical point of view, it is important to note that these deaths were not the result of internal struggles between Catholics and Anglicans; rather, that those who died were not willing to submit to what they saw was an illegitimate claim of the State. The schism created by Henry set in motion more than a century of religious turmoil during which Protestants were sometimes burned for heresy, with some 300 dying during the five-year reign of Queen Mary I as she struggled to re-establish the Catholic faith in England.)

There were four distinct waves of persecution. The first followed the passing of the Act of Supremacy in 1534 when Henry VIII broke with Rome and suppressed the monasteries. The second came after 1570 when Pope Pius V, believing that Queen Elizabeth I was illegitimate and had no right to the throne of England, issued a papal bull excommunicating her and absolving all her subjects from allegiance to her and her laws. Persecution intensified markedly in the latter half of Elizabeth’s reign, following the arrival of the Jesuits on the English Mission, coupled with the threat of invasion by Spain. In 1581 an Act was passed that made it treason to withdraw English subjects from allegiance to the Queen or her Church, and in 1585 the entrance of Jesuits into the country was prohibited by law. The third wave followed the failed Gunpowder Plot in 1605. The final wave came in 1678, following the so-called ‘Popish Plot’, a totally fictitious but widely believed plot, fabricated by Titus Oates, in which it was alleged that Jesuits were planning to overthrow King Charles II in order to bring his Catholic brother (later King James II) to the throne. Even this rumour was enough to stir a new and unprecedented era of persecution for Catholics.

The cause of about three hundred martyrs was introduced in Rome shortly after the restoration of the Catholic hierarchy of England and Wales in 1850, and the long campaign began under Cardinals Wiseman and Manning. By 1935, nearly two hundred Reformation martyrs had been beatified (by Leo XIII and Pius XI), but only two of these had been canonised: in 1936, Cardinal John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, and Henry VIII’s chancellor, Sir Thomas More, became the first Englishmen to be made saints since John of Bridlington in 1401. After the Second World War, the cause was revived in 1960 and, in 1970, the Vatican selected forty martyrs, men and women, lay and religious to represent the full group. On 25th October 1970, at St Peter’s in Rome, Pope Paul VI canonised these forty English and Welsh martyrs as saints. Auberon Waugh described it as “the biggest moment for English Catholicism since Catholic emancipation in 1829”.

In England, these martyrs were formerly commemorated by a feast day on 25th October, but they are now celebrated together with all the canonised or beatified martyrs of the English Reformation on 4th May. Each of the forty martyrs has their own day of memorial, but they are remembered as a group on this date, marking the first deaths at Tyburn in 1535 of those observed from the Tower of London by Thomas More “cheerfully going to their deaths as bridegrooms to their marriage.”

In Wales, 25th October is kept as the feast of the Six Welsh Martyrs (from the group of forty) and their companions (the thirty-four English Martyrs). Wales continues to keep 4th May as a separate feast for the beatified martyrs of England and Wales.

READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR THE VOTIVE MASS

The readings and Preface given here for the fiftieth anniversary celebration are those used at the Mass of Canonisation in Rome on 25th October 1970.

The Prayers of the Mass are those for the Feast of the English Martyrs (4th May) in the Roman Missal.

The full texts of the readings are provided for ease of use as they do not appear exactly in this form in the Lectionary.

Prayers of the Mass: 4th May – The English Martyrs (RM pp. 902-903)
Preface: Preface I of Saints – The glory of the Saints (RM p. 632)

Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 53: 3-11

Psalm 15 – Preserve me God, I take refuge in you.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11: 33 – 12: 2

Gospel Acclamation: Cf. Te Deum

Gospel: John 17: 11-21

Music sung during the Canonisation Mass included:

Missa de Angelis
Credo III
“Praise to the Holiest” (Presentation of Gifts),
A setting of “The Lord’s my Shepherd” (Communion)
“For all the Saints” (Final hymn)

“Holy God, we praise thy name” would be another suitable hymn, if music is possible, remembering that congregational singing is not permitted at this time

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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.....

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Parental Consent

Full Name

Relationship with child

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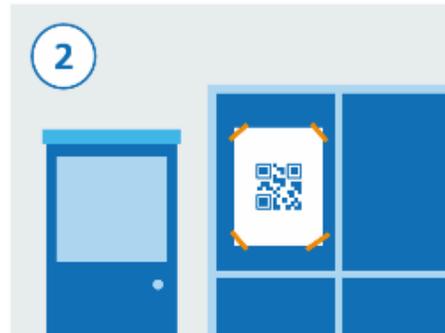
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How to use QR codes to check into a venue

User guide



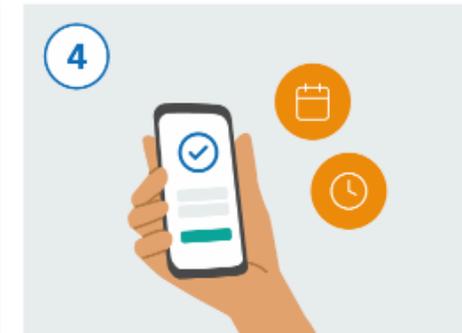
1 Download the NHS COVID-19 app from the App Store or Google Play Store.



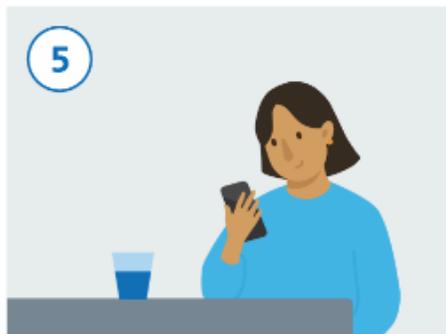
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3 Open your NHS COVID-19 app and tap "Venue Check In". Now use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code on the poster.



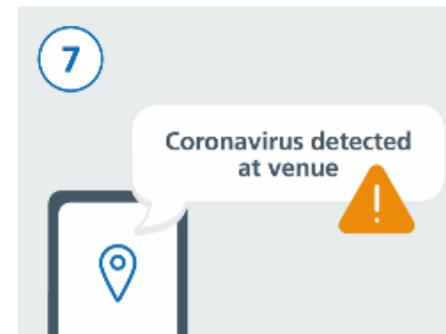
4 The time and date of your visit will be stored on the app. It will not be sent or shared with anyone else.



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.