

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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Hall wi-fi: [Netgear41](#) (password) [grandcomet148](#)

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.

Feast of All Saints

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

Mon 2nd All Souls
9.30am James and Mary Fitzgerald RIP

Tues 3rd Weekday
9.30am Charles Dupénois RIP

Wed 4th **NO MASS**

Thurs 5th Weekday
9.30am Roger Chan-Lok RIP

Fri 6th Weekday
9.30am Harold & Margaret Bishop's intentions

Sat 7th **NO MASS**

7th/8th November – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm Ronald Kelleher RIP

Remembrance Sunday

8.30am People of the Parish

9.30am Stephen Bliss RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Shaun Wallace, 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.

Colin Doran, Joseph Cuddihy, Katie Jones,
Emerenciara Bandalas, Patricia Pearce, Paddy Coffey,
Catherine Saunders, Pauline Amos, Sally Crayden,
Catherine Ayers, Fr Michael Aust, Charles Dupénois,
Margaret Carty, Margaret Brennan, Ronald Kelleher,
Kathleen Armstrong, Audrey Soanes and
John Greenland
May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

Next Sunday will be Remembrance Sunday. As in previous years we will be changing the times of our two Sunday Masses. The purpose of the change is to enable me to take part in the Village Act of Remembrance at the war memorial outside St. George's Church. This year, inevitably, it will be somewhat modified in accordance with current government restrictions. Large crowds are not possible at present, and the various groups who normally attend will be represented by just one individual. It seemed important that the Act of Remembrance should be a real event as opposed to a digital event online.

At each of our Masses next weekend we will be praying for the dead of the two world wars and the other conflicts that have caused such suffering in the years since 1945. In our Catholic tradition prayer for the dead is a serious duty, and this month of November is dedicated in a particular way to remembering our loved ones who have died.

We will place our Book of Remembrance before the altar on Sunday where it will remain throughout the month. This year, as I wrote last week, we can't have people writing names in the book, but the book remains as a symbol of our prayers for all our loved ones who have died. All their names are known to God.

Let's keep them all in our minds and hearts during the coming month.

With my love and prayers for each of you,
Fr. Tony

Contact Fr Tony directly on 01372 270842 if you would like the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The live-streaming of Mass is currently unavailable at the moment due to 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.

The Bishop will be celebrating Mass for the deceased of the deanery at Sacred Heart, Caterham on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm. Because of COVID restrictions, the Mass will be **online only**; it can be accessed

<https://www.churchservices.tv/caterham>

The deceased of each parish in the deanery will be commemorated. Please send in the name of anyone that you would like the Bishop to remember in the Mass by emailing us here at smichaeloffice@gmail.com by next Friday 7th November. If the total list is small, names can be read out; otherwise they will be placed before the altar.

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. THE POSTER IS DISPLAYED IN THE PORCH (and on page 9 below). Scan the QR code OR
2. Write your name and number on the list in the porch, preferably using your own pen.

Bereavement Mass – Our annual Bereavement Mass will take place **on Saturday 14th November at 10.00am**. If you would like your loved ones mentioned at that Mass do email, ring or put a note in the post box outside the Parish office.

Pastoral Letter

A copy of Bishop Richard's Pastoral Letter, which was read out in Mass last weekend is attached below (See pages 3-4).

Godly Play: Godly Play is a creative and engaging way of praying with children, young people and even adults! Telling stories helps us explore God's story, Bible stories, our own story, and where we fit in to it all. Are you involved with, or interested in Godly Play?

Join members of the Diocesan Formation Team on Zoom, on Saturday 21st November at 10.30am. Please contact rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk for booking information.

Besom is recruiting volunteers to create Christmas Hampers for single people or families in need, both elderly and young. See flyer on page 8 of this newsletter.

Thursday Evening Prayer on-line – Do join us

These meetings are thoughtful and prayer-provoking meditations led by members of the Parish - 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 give musical and technical support to each session and we also take prayer requests for the sick and suffering known to us.

In the coming weeks we are praying for faith, love, peace, wisdom and justice - themes running through every session. If you would like to join any of these prayer services please email k.lynych4@btinternet.com and the link for the Zoom call will be sent to you.

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.

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

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/

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Sienna Langley 10 on Monday

Joseph Dixon 12 and Annabel Rose 5 on Wednesday

Charlotte Mason 11 and Daisy McBride 10 on Friday

Cian Thorp 3 and Callum McLean 7 on Saturday

RACE FOR GRACE (also see page 6 of this newsletter)

Well done everyone who took part, fantastic effort. You can still donate, see below

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

Insta: @RaceForGrace5

Facebook: @RaceForGrace2020

The next Baptism Course

will be at 7.00pm on Tuesday 3rd November in the Church.

Message from St George's about live streaming on Remembrance Sunday.

There is a dedicated page and URL for Remembrance, sqsashtead.org.uk/remembrance.

The link on the Remembrance page takes you to our YouTube channel. When the Remembrance service is set up on our YouTube channel, we will change the link to take you directly to the service.

Ministers' rotas 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

7th/8th November 32nd Sunday of the year

Saturday 6.00pm

WM: A. Caprano Wint and Maria Rudrum

R: Alan Waters

Sunday 8.30am

WM: D Warnock

R: Martin O'Donovan

Sunday 10.30am

WM: Alick Friend and Helen Adams

R: Gill Gruzalski

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

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

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

Richard



Bishop of Arundel & Brighton

PASTORAL LETTER
for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
50th Anniversary of the Canonisation of the 40 Martyrs of England & Wales
25th October 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This day in 1970 marked a most significant moment for the Church in England & Wales. Saints John Fisher and Thomas More had been canonised in 1935, but on this day, forty martyrs of the 16th and 17th centuries were canonised by Pope St. Paul VI. This group of saints (laywomen and men, priests and religious) includes our own Diocesan Patron, St. Philip Howard.

While not questioning their sanctity, some may look back at the 16th and 17th centuries and wonder if men and women of a bygone age have very much to teach us. Certainly, they were people of their own time - a period when lives tended to be shorter, perhaps a more barbarous time in some respects, a time when the vast majority of the population lived in great poverty, the threat of war or plague not far from the door.

Times do move on, although human nature changes little, and every time in history has faced its own perils and societal failures. In our own time, we are living in the midst of a pandemic and many across our world live in abject poverty and there is much injustice.

The challenges to Faith that are present in our society, although expressed differently, would be recognised by the martyrs we celebrate today. Pope St. Paul VI drew attention to this quality in our martyrs, in his homily at the Mass of Canonisation. He spoke of the "interior quality of unshakable loyalty to the vocation given them by God - the sacrifice of their lives as a loving response to that call."

In a secularised society, one of the greatest expressions of faith we can offer to the world around us is simple, persevering fidelity to the Lord's discipleship. This is a most pressing demand upon every one of us - to be, before all else, people who answer God's call, living this out for the good of the whole world.

Pope St. Paul VI spoke also of his desire, in the act of Canonisation, to "assist in advancing ecumenism worthy of the name." This witness in the society of our day is carried out alongside our Christian brothers and sisters.

In these present times of the Covid-19 pandemic, this fidelity, this loyalty, expressed in love and charity, is as vital as ever. It is, perhaps, the most powerful witness in times of crisis - and our martyrs show the way of fidelity without limit.

It may have been difficult for us to celebrate Mass together for some time - the "truth of the Holy Eucharist", Pope St. Paul VI reminds us, was a particular point of testing for the martyrs. These present times are testing

for us too. Our response must, surely, be that of the martyrs - placing the Eucharist at the centre of our lives and returning to the celebration with renewed hope and trust in the One who gave Himself for us on the Cross and continues to give Himself to us completely in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Faithful to his own promise, the Lord Himself is with us on our journey, just as He was with the martyrs whom we celebrate today. Through His closeness to us and our openness to His love, we are made a people of hope. This hope, rooted in the Eucharist, makes our witness strong; more effective than we might ever imagine.

As we give thanks for the witness of our martyrs, may their prayers strengthen us on the path of fidelity to the vocation, the mission, to which each of us is called.

With every Blessing,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small cross at the beginning.

Bishop of Arundel & Brighton

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
uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RaceForGrace2020



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.....

Date.....



Christmas Hampers

Bringing God's message of love and provision to those in need.



Would you like to provide a hamper for people in need in the local area? The gifts bring so much joy to those that receive them. We will collect the hamper from you and deliver it in the two weeks leading up to Christmas.

Pray about whether your hamper is for a single person, couple or a family.

Decorate a box (such as a supermarket cardboard crate) with Christmas paper.

Ideas for the hamper

Food items

It is lovely if the items are 'special' rather than 'value' everyday items. Please do not include alcohol, perishables, or home-made items.

Christmas cake / other cakes	Honey / jam / marmalade	Fruit Juices
Tea / coffee / hot chocolate	Chocolates / sweets / Biscuits	Cereals
Cranberry Sauce	Pasta / sauces	Soup

General gifts

Soaps / shower gels	Body lotions / toiletries	Colouring pens / books / soft toys
Shampoo / bubble bath	Socks / hat / scarf /gloves	Jigsaws / Board games

Baubles Christmas tree Tinsel Crackers Napkins Tablecloth

Gifts for a specific family: Besom can give you the Christian names and ages of a family so you can tailor your gifts just for them.

Cash donations

Contact Besom

If you would like to prepare a hamper or donate a few gifts to go in a hamper please email Lynne Slater with the subject 'Hampers' to lynne.slater@btconnect.com

Please include a Contact name and Telephone number in your email.

For the Besom team to deliver in time for Christmas please could the hampers be available for collection by **Friday 11th December**. Thank you.

The Lord has anointed me
To proclaim good news to the poor.
Isaiah 61:1

For more details about the work of Besom please visit our website www.besominashtead.com

How to use QR codes to check into a venue

User guide



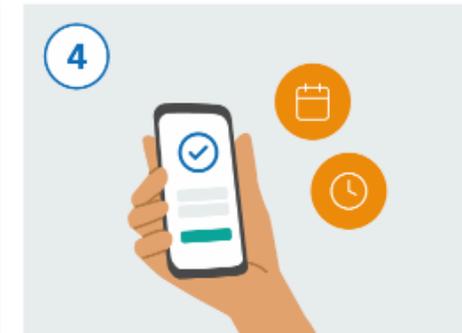
Download the NHS COVID-19 app from the App Store or Google Play Store.



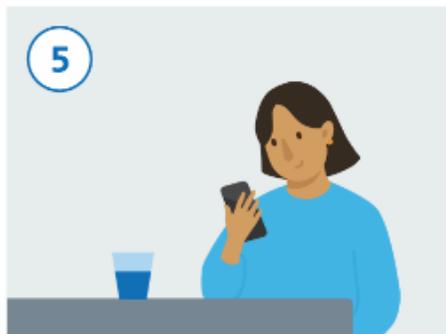
When you visit a venue, check to see if there is a NHS COVID-19 app QR poster on display.



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



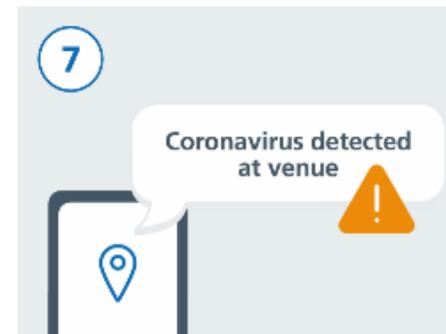
The time and date of your visit will be stored on the app. It will not be sent or shared with anyone else.



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



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.



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.



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