

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

The Parish Office is CLOSED until 3rd December but you can still email smichaeloffice@gmail.com

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

BISHOPS STATEMENT re NEW LOCKDOWN PAGES 3 & 4

32nd Sunday of the Year - Remembrance Sunday



**NO PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL
THE NATIONAL LOCKDOWN ENDS**

**The Church is still open for private prayer during
daylight hours.**

**Fr Tony will still be saying Mass in private and all your
booked Mass intentions will be met.**

**Do keep sending in your Mass requests as they will
still be offered for your intentions.**

**There are a few technical issues with live streaming at the
moment. However, we are hoping to live stream Mass
on Sunday 8th November at 9.30am**

The Remembrance Day act of worship 8th November
led by clergy from Ashtead from 10.55-11.05 at the War
Memorial outside St George's will be live streamed for anyone to
watch on the internet through the SGSG YouTube channel. The
link is https://youtu.be/S5DRVs_H6Qo

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Vivianne Cassar, 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.**

Paddy Kennedy, James Berry, Martin Hilley,
Isabelle Wood, Clara Harber, Kathleen Doyle,
John Bond, Alicia Martin, Lilian Blount,
Olive Norval, Patricia Bacon,
Kathleen Bowler, Gertrude Warburton,
Anthony Avery

May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

It seems likely that the second lockdown will be rather different to the first. Perhaps there was a certain novelty about the experience back in March. Certainly, the beautiful weather in April helped a great deal with our morale: Neither factor applies in November.

It is very depressing that once again we have to close our churches for public worship. I am very grateful to everyone who helped us to get going again so smoothly in July after the first lockdown. I only hope that we will be able to get back in early December. People worked very hard to comply with all the regulations and restrictions to ensure that we worshipped safely, and I am sure that we will do the same in December.

I would like to use my letter this weekend to encourage you to take time to pray more during these coming days and weeks. Some of you get together online for prayer and discussion. You might want to invite others to join you. By November normally, the slightly mad pre-Christmas rush would have begun, but this year all that has been stopped. It would be wonderful if you could make use of the extra time available to read the Gospel and to make room for Christ.

Meanwhile I will be celebrating Mass each day and praying for all of you.

I hope that you will also remember to pray for me. 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.

Bereavement Mass – Saturday 14th November, 10am
Our annual Bereavement Mass will now **not** be a public Mass - but Fr Tony will still say the Mass.

Face Coverings are now mandatory in Places of Worship. All those who are attending churches even for private prayer must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so.

Mass for the Deceased of the Deanery celebrated by Bishop Richard.

(This Mass is now coming live streamed from Oxted, not Caterham)

Due to an ongoing COVID issue in the deanery, the Mass on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm celebrated by Bishop Richard for the deceased of our deanery will now take place in Oxted. The link to this Mass is

www.churchservices.tv/oxted

this is a streaming only liturgy.

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.

Would you be interested in joining the Governing Board at St Peter's Catholic Primary School?

St Peter's would be pleased to invite anyone who is interested in joining their Governing Board as a Foundation Governor. A Foundation governor is responsible for making sure the school provides a good quality education for all pupils, raising educational standards in school. They promote effective ways of teaching and learning when setting school aims and policies whilst preserving and developing the Catholic ethos of the school. It is a highly rewarding role and if you are interested please contact the Co-Chairman, Ian Page, at ian.page@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Leatherhead - Open Day

Due to the current restrictions, St Peter's cannot have an open day as normal. However, they warmly invite potential new families to join them for their Virtual School Open Morning on 13th November. Please see details within the website:

www.stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk

St Peter's school applications for September 2021.

Due to the national lockdown in November please could you wait and send your forms into the Parish Office for Fr Tony to sign in December.

The Finance team met in mid-October, for the first time in many months. You will be delighted to learn (or relieved!) that the books for the year so far, have balanced. There are two major reasons for this:

- reduced overheads because the church was closed.
- the government furlough scheme

Part of our income comes from the offertory plates. When the church was closed, this source vanished. It was replaced in part by Just Giving online (*see below*), as well as some generous cheques. Our mainstay was continuing and new standing orders. You will be all too aware that this week another lockdown is starting, including churches. If you currently do not have standing order, please think about starting one. The amount should be no more than your normal monthly contribution.

Should you wish to find out more about this or how to start a Standing Order, please email Charles Vosser: charlesvosser@yahoo.co.uk. He will forward the details of St Michael's account, for you to set things up. If you are a taxpayer, you may wish to think seriously about Gift Aiding your Standing Order. This means we can claim 25p for every £ from the Inland Revenue. He can email a Gift Aid form for you to download.

Hopefully, the lockdown will be lifted at the beginning of December. Many thanks to all of you for your continuing support in what has been a difficult year for most people.

Kind regards, Tom Dore, Chair of Finance

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Today - Emma Gibson 7, Oliver Piper 13

Tuesday - Amelia Llewellyn-Davies 10

Wednesday - Amelia Bailey 10

Besom is recruiting volunteers to create Christmas Hampers for single people or families in need, both elderly and young. **See flyer on page 7 of this newsletter.**

CAFOD

Faith into Action: Building a better world after the pandemic: Sat 14 Nov, 11am to 4pm

Join our campaigners' conference to discuss the world we want to create – one where we respond to Pope Francis's call and ensure plans for recovering from the crisis tackle poverty, inequality and the climate emergency. Hear from practical theologian Sam Ewell, climate campaigners and CAFOD's Head of Advocacy Neil Thorns, with participative sessions and discussion.

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Faith-into-action>

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.

Calling all Young Adults of the Diocese (20-30 somethings)

Before the current restrictions, our Youth and Young Adults' Advisor had plenty of big plans for helping you get to know other Catholics of a similar age, to form communities where you are free to be yourself, to explore your faith, to grow in friendship, and to be a safe place for you to realise your Catholic identity.

However, this has all had to go on hold. What we would like to do is invite anyone who is interested to join a focus group. This group will meet virtually to discuss the needs and desires of young adults in the Church, and, if you would like, be involved in coming up with some creative ways to meet those needs.

If this sounds like a project you would like to be a part of, please contact the Youth Service Secretary Rosie at rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk or 01293 651161

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. Please contact the office if you are not part of the 100 club but would like to be smichaeloffice@gmail.com

Winners for October 2020 Pat Waters and Ted LeRiche

Thursday Evening Prayer 7pm on-line – Do join 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.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_vtZLYg/

You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk to arrive by 9.30am on Friday morning



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4th November 2020

Dear Fathers and Deacons,

I am pleased to attach herewith the latest Statement from the Bishops' Conference regarding the passing into law of the Regulations concerning this present period of lockdown. Please do all you can to share this statement with all in parish communities. The statement will be placed on the Diocesan website.

I do ask you to do all that you can, in accordance with the guidance, to keep churches open for private prayer.

The Statement makes mention of the Vigil of Christ the King. I shall be leading a period of Eucharistic Adoration, livestreamed from the Cathedral, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and would be grateful if you could disseminate this information across parish communities. This will be an important moment for us all to join with the Church across the world, since this initiative is a part of the journey towards the next International Eucharistic Congress and will a graced time of prayer together in the midst of this time of pandemic. Information will be included on the Diocesan website and in Diocesan e-news.

With the assurance of my prayers and with every Blessing,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+Richard



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Statement from the President and the Vice-President of the Conference on the National Lockdown

Wednesday 4th November 2020

Today, Parliament passed into law the Regulations governing many aspects of activity in the whole of England until 2nd December. These Regulations prohibit the gathering of people for communal worship in churches and other religious buildings.

Churches remain open and in use for activities other than communal worship, including personal prayer and support for those in need. Funeral Masses and funeral services may be held. Please refer to the Regulations (for places of worship see paragraph 18) and associated Guidance.

Despite profound misgivings it is important that we, as responsible citizens, observe these Regulations, which have the force of law: *'Remind them to be obedient to the officials in authority; to be ready to do good at every opportunity'* (Titus 3:1). We do this in solidarity with so many others on whom are being imposed restrictions which impact severely on their lives and livelihoods.

It is also important to recognise that these Regulations are not an attack on religious belief. However, they do demonstrate a fundamental lack of understanding of the essential contribution made by faith communities to the well-being, resilience and health of our society.

At this difficult moment, we ask that, as a Catholic community, we make full use of our churches as places of individual prayer and sources of solace and help. We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm, and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21st November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic. And we encourage you all in your practical service and support of each other and those around you in need.

This pathway of prayer and service is the royal road we are to take as a gracious witness in our society today.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols
President

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP
Vice-President

Welcome to St Michael's for Private Prayer only

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

St Michael's Catholic Church

The Marld, Ashted, Surrey KT21 1RS

PHOTOGRAPHS and LIVE STREAMING CONSENT FORM

I am aware that some Masses and other celebrations in St Michael's Church, Ashted 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

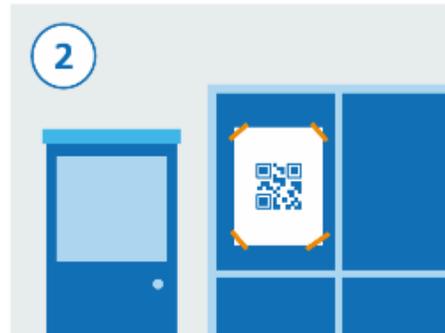
For more details about the work of Besom please visit our website www.besominashtead.com

How to use QR codes to check into a venue

User guide



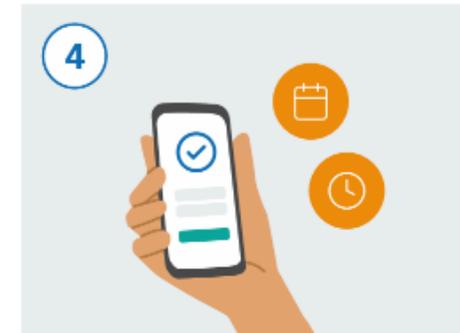
1 Download the NHS COVID-19 app from the App Store or Google Play Store.



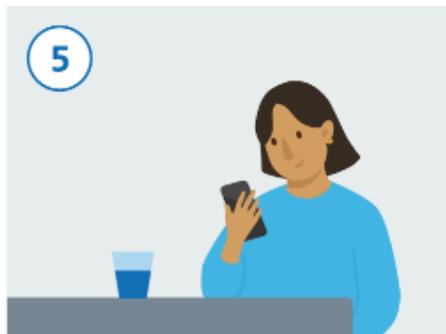
2 When you visit a venue, check to see if there is a NHS COVID-19 app QR poster on display.



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.



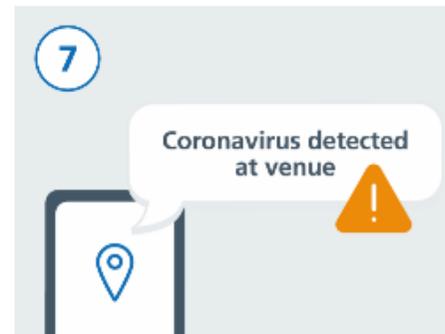
4 The time and date of your visit will be stored on the app. It will not be sent or shared with anyone else.



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.