

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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or to request Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Fifth Sunday of the Year

9.30am People of the Parish

Mon 8th Weekday
9.30am Patrick & Eileen Costello RIP

Tues 9th Weekday
9.30am In Thanksgiving (Alan Waters 95th Birthday)

Wed 10th **NO MASS**

Thurs 11th Our Lady of Lourdes
9.30am Tony Rogers RIP

Fri 12th Weekday
9.30am Anthony De Maria RIP

Sat 13th Weekday
10am Kitty Denmead RIP

Sixth Sunday of the Year – 13th/14th February 2021

Sunday
9.30am People of the Parish

Please note changed mass times on Sunday morning

All Masses are 'live-streamed' on YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_vtZLYg

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sureeporn Crosby, Shaun Wallace, Simon Warren,
Mavis Bazeley, Philip MacDonald, Sylvia Crampin,
Margaret McArdle, Peggy Brogan,
George Stuart Baxter, Sheila Hanks, Sarah Bishop,
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.



My Dear Friends,
I thought I would share with you some words of Pope Francis last week to an audience for catechists from all over Italy. I think his words have great relevance for us as we look to the future of our own community.

This is the time to be the builders of open communities that know how to value the talents of each person. It is a time for free and disinterested missionary communities, which do not seek prominence and advantage, but rather walk the paths of the people of our time, stooping to tend to those on the margins.

It is a time for communities that look disappointed young people in the eye, that welcome strangers and give hope to the disheartened. It is a time for communities that fearlessly engage in dialogue with those with different ideas. It is a time for communities that, like the Good Samaritan, know how to approach those wounded by life, to bind their wounds with compassion.

Do not forget this word: compassion. How many times in the Gospel does it say of Jesus: "And he had compassion", "he had compassion"? As I said at the ecclesial conference in Florence, I want a Church "ever closer to the abandoned, the forgotten, the imperfect. I would like a glad Church with a mother's face, that understands, accompanies, caresses". What I referred to then as Christian humanism also applies to catechesis: it "radically affirms the dignity of every person as a Child of God, it establishes among all human beings a fundamental fraternity, teaches one to understand work, to inhabit creation as a common home, to furnish reasons for optimism and humour, even in the middle of a life many times more difficult" (Address at the Fifth National Conference of the Italian Church, Florence, 10 November 2015).

Food for thought and reflection, I think. Please remember the Pope in your daily prayers

With my love and prayers for each of you
Fr Tony

Invited. Lent 2021 – The Mission Begins.

The Diocesan Formation Team is hosting a mission for you this Lent. It will be the first of five seasons of mission, helping you to explore God's *Invitation* to live your life with him.

What is a mission? An opportunity for everyone in the parish to sit back and reflect on the content provided. Season one is a series of programmes that help us to understand exactly how much we are loved by God, and features guest speakers such as David Wells, Eleanor Oliver and David Beresford. You will then be able to join a virtual conversation to meet like-minded people and discuss what you have learnt.

Visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited to find out more.
You, are Invited.

Please pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Edward Cleere, Hubert Fitzgerald
Helmut Jaklitsch, Peggy Donelan,
Bernard Moulson, Dorothy Ashurst,
John Comerford, Tony Rogers,
John Flaherty, Ruby Anderson,

May they Rest in Peace

From today's Gospel reading:

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told Jesus about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.

Reflection:

Jesus is no longer trapped by the limits of time and place. He comes over to us now at this Eucharistic celebration. He extends a hand, as he did for Simon's mother-in-law, to raise us up from what would press us down and to help us go further on our journey with him.

So, we ask ourselves:

At this stage of our journey with Christ, how do we experience his hand reaching out to sustain us?

Who is the outstretched hand of Christ for us?

Are you a Confirmation Catechist? Would you like to talk to other Catechists and the Diocesan Youth Ministry Adviser about all things Confirmation? If so, please sign up to join your Deanery Confirmation Network. These networks were launched towards the end of last year and the conversations were really helpful, particularly in this time of change and adaptation. If you have not already joined your network please contact - lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk who will make sure that you are involved with the next round of conversations that she is holding at the end of January.

Opportunities for Young Adults and Others. 4 Weeks of Guided Prayer - Online Event Sundays at 5:30pm beginning 17th January

- An opportunity to deepen your relationship with God through prayer.
- Learn new ways of praying, enjoy some input on prayer, discernment and spirituality.
- Speak with a prayer guide each week for the four weeks.

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.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffortory>

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.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Cian Tilley 12 on Monday

Alan Waters 95 on Tuesday!!

Victoria Kolodynski 6 and Hannah Amos 5 on Thursday

Daniel Moriarty 10 on Friday



See page 4 of this newsletter for more details of this local charity helping feed those in need at the moment.

<https://breakingbread.org.uk/>

Vocations Weekend - Online Event 26th - 28th February

For women exploring the vocation to religious life. There will be times of prayer, reflection, input and discussion as well as a Q&A session with FCJ Sisters (Faithful Companions of Jesus). More information: FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook



see page 5 for this year's lent appeal
Family Fast day 26th February 2021

Welcomers and Readers Rotas. We are very thin on the ground for volunteers at the moment. and completely understand why you may feel unable to come to Church at the moment but if you are there and can help please do put yourself forward.

Sunday 9.30 am Mass – this is the only Mass at the weekend

This Sunday - Welcomers: W Buckland, Pamela Durret

7th Feb Reader: C Heden

Next Week - Welcomers: tba

14th Feb Reader: tba

This Week's Readings

Job 7: 1-4;6-7; Psalm 147;

1 Cor. 9: 16-19; 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39

You can see these readings at:

<https://www.universalis.com/20210207/mass.htm>

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/

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

AREAS OF PASTORAL WORK

(all these groups and sub-groups exist, but new faces and fresh ideas are always welcome
Email: smichaeloffice@gmail.com)

EVANGELISATION

- Study groups,
- Talks on matters of interest
- Outreach to people interested to know more about the Faith.

LITURGY

- Sacristy: Preparing everything for Mass
- Altar serving
- Involving children in the Liturgy
- Welcoming and greeting at the porch door
- Reading at Mass: Training readers
- Choir/music group
- Flowers and other decorations in church
- Church cleaning

PASTORAL CARE

- Care group
- Bereavement group
- Visiting the sick and housebound
- Offering practical help to elderly and housebound

ECUMENISM

- Joint prayer and join study groups

COMMUNICATION

- Newsletter production and distribution.
- How the Parish might make more effective use of modern technology and modern media of communication.
- Contact with media in order to engage with the world outside the parish.

ADMINISTRATION

- Maintenance of property etc
- Office administration at the service of the mission of the parish.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Helping adults, young people and children and their parents to prepare for the Sacraments.

- Baptism
- First Holy Communion
- Confirmation

SOCIAL CONCERNS

- Local charities
- International Charities
- CAFOD
- Aid to the Church in Need.

This is by no means a complete list. You may well have other areas that could be developed that haven't been thought of before.



Who we are?

We are a group of Ashted residents sharing our gifts with other people in our community who need a bit of support. This all started a little bit by chance after a walk on the common and chat. We talked about how we felt the need to reach out to other people in the community and be able to build relationships and support people who are going through a tough time. We talked about the frustration of wanting to make a difference and actually not doing much. One of our husbands is a chef and has many skills he could use to bless the community.

What can I do to help?

EITHER:

- Cook one meal a week for a family, this can be done on an *ad hoc* basis or regular basis (you will be given a recipe to cook – with the list of ingredients needed). You can choose to cook for either, a meal for 1 right up to a family of 7, whatever you are comfortable with.
- Bake some cupcakes or cakes to deliver to the families,
- By donating ingredients,
- By delivering meals,
- By donating foil trays and cake boxes.

If you are willing to help in any other way contact us and let us know <https://breakingbread.org.uk/>

Family Fast Day

Family Fast Day is on **Friday 26 February 2021**.

This year's focus is to end water poverty and to provide other vital support to communities around the world.

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support.

Donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent

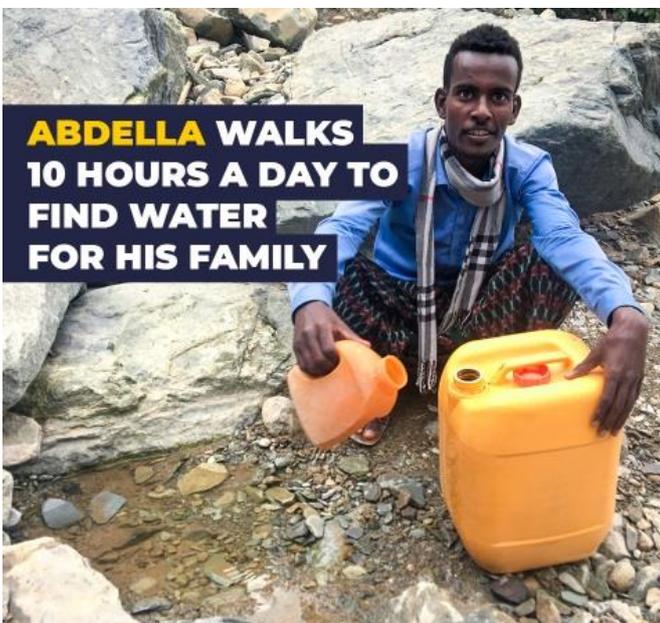
You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10*.

If we/St Michael's are able to have a cash donation/collection (weekend of 26th/27th February) more details will follow nearer the time.

£10 can buy sturdy water containers so families can store water safely

£40 can bring safe drinking water to a hard-to-reach school

£750 can give a community water supply



To help people like Abdella

Text LENT to

70460

to donate £10 to
CAFOD's Lent Appeal

Or visit

cafod.org.uk/give