

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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Please ring Fr Tony on his number above in an emergency
or to request Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – 20th/21st March 2021

6.00pm John Coffey RIP
9.30am People of the Parish

Mon 22nd Weekday of Lent
9.30am Gervais Chan Lok RIP

Tues 23rd Weekday of Lent
9.30am Anita Fish RIP

Wed 24th **NO MASS**

Thurs 25th **The Annunciation of the Lord**
9.30am Mary Churchill RIP

Fri 26th Weekday of Lent
9.30am Rachel Kenneally RIP

Sat 27th Weekday of Lent
10.0am Intentions of Ann McIntire

PALM SUNDAY 27th/28th March 2021

6.00pm Remo Dipre RIP
(*& for those that have died and have no-one to pray for them*)
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_ytZLYq

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Kieron Byrne, 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.

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

Rose Conway, Richard Aspinall, Maureen Botting, Oswald Gill,
Richard Cribb, Paul Coombes, Mary Taylor, Josephine Hughes,
Thomas Shepherd, Roy Christopher Jones, Kathleen French
May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

This coming week marks the first anniversary of the
"Lockdown in March 2020".

Who would have imagined then that we would still be another
lockdown twelve months later? The Government has
suggested that Tuesday 23rd March should be a "Day of
Remembrance". The Cardinal and other Church leaders have
invited Christians to make it a "Day of Prayer".

Looking back over the past twelve months will inspire many
different memories.

For many of us the past year has seen the loss of loved ones,
and a deep sense of isolation and loneliness. It has also seen
some quite remarkable acts of unselfishness. There is so
much to reflect on as we mark this painful anniversary.

I hope that many of you will try to come to Mass on Tuesday if
you are free to do so.

I would also invite those who cannot be here in church to
make time for remembrance and prayer at some point in the
day.

In particular, I hope that we can all remember and pray for the
doctors and nurses and all the other paramedics and the vital
ancillary staff who have been working long hours in caring for
the sick and the dying.

Many of you have been coping with working from home and
home schooling during these months. The pandemic has
touched all our lives in one way or another. I invite you all to
make time to reflect on the experience of the past year and to
pray for God's healing presence in all our lives.

With my love and prayers for each of you,

Father Tony

Next Baptism Course

Tuesday 22nd June in St Michael's Church Hall at 7pm. Please
email smichaeloffice@gmail.com to make a booking. We will
endeavour to Baptize as many children as we can to make up
for the backlog but please be patient. From 17th May if you have
already completed the Baptism course, you can begin to book
your Baptisms from that date. If you would like to have your
child's Baptism on a weekday, Deacon David is happy to
accommodate you during the week as well.

On page 4 of this newsletter please see a letter from Alan Mitchell the Headteacher at St Andrews Secondary School, Leatherhead.

It is about the future of the School and the part that you
might be able to play in securing extra funding for their
proposed expansion.

ONLINE RETREATS: The Open Cloister at Worth Abbey
led by Michael Woodward (member of the Lay Community of St
Benedict)

26th-28th March (Palm Sunday weekend). The Holy Shroud
Gospel beyond Words - What the Shroud Tells Us
Book your place on-line at <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

Further information available from E: toc@worth.co.uk

Ray Quinlan thanks parishioners for their prayers and
messages during his recent illness - home now and starting on
the road to recovery. Bless you all, Ray.

From today's Gospel reading:

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus."

Reflection:

Jesus and his disciples hadn't preached to these Greeks. They didn't proselytize them; they came of their own free will. What was the attraction? They and we are attracted by the One who, in his hour, is a completely faithful servant to God, who shows total generosity, willing to give up everything for us, without holding back anything in reserve.

So, we ask ourselves:

How have we benefited from the sacrifice's others have made on our behalf?

What sacrifices are we being asked to make for the wellbeing of others?

Booking for Easter Services

At St Michael's we are still keeping 2 metres apart and although great progress is being made with vaccine and suppressing the virus through lockdown, as the Government rightly reminds us, Covid is still about. Therefore, we cannot overfill the Church during Easter.

If you are intending to come to Mass on:

Maundy Thursday 1st April 8pm

Good Friday 2nd April 3pm

Easter Vigil 3rd April 8pm

Easter Sunday 4th April 8.30am or

10.30am – there is now very limited capacity at this Mass but do still email to see if we can accommodate you.

Please can you email the Parish office

smichaeloffice@gmail.com and we will book you a place.

Please let us know if you are able to be a welcomer.

Many thanks

Besom working party.

As an extension of the Care Group we are exploring the possibility of setting up a working party of a few able-bodied volunteers from St Michael's who could offer to do the occasional bit of gardening, cleaning, (painting if skills allowed), for people in need in the community. These people would be identified and referred by the existing Besom team at St Georges.

Time commitment would be no more than one day every 6 weeks/3months.

This could be an exciting project for us going forward.

Nothing would be possible to consider before early summer due to the current restrictions.

If you are interested in finding out more, please phone Caroline King 07905360466, caromking8@gmail.com

ALTON RENEWAL

The next session is on **March 27th**, 10.00-13.00: "**New Life**" Jesus came so that you could be given the source of new life, the Holy Spirit. Speaker: **Jenny Baker**, co-ordinator of Celebrate conferences and a well-known presenter on CaFé formation videos. Please register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREMAR2021

Online Giving – Coronavirus has affected us materially as well as spiritually. Bills keep coming, but income is significantly down. Many parishioners give via standing order. 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/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.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Lorcan Henderson 11 on Monday

Brooke Thornton 11 on Tuesday

Amelia Gembara 4 on Wednesday

Jack Barry 3 on Thursday

William Pearson 10, Sebastian Richardson 9,

Noah Novoa Matos 3, Martha Langley on Friday

Isabel S. 12, Kian Buckley 11, Jacob Nendick 8,

Chloe Chan Lok 6 on Saturday

ONLINE RETREATS: *see page 6 of this newsletter*

Dementia Care Solutions: *see page 8 of this newsletter*

Welcomers and Readers Rotas. We are very thin on the ground for volunteers, 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 come forward.

20th Mar 6pm Reader: D Gwyther

Welcomers: L Baldwin

21st Mar 9.30 Reader: B Lapham

Welcomers: E. Watson, C Benini

NOTICE FOR READERS

If you are a regular Reader and you are planning to attend the Holy Week and Easter services would you please contact Mary Merrett as soon as possible at mary.merrett@gmail.com or phone 01372 379244.

Services will be quite different this year and exact times are to be confirmed but the dates are as follows:

27th/28th March – Palm Sunday – 2 Readers for each Mass

1st April – Maundy Thursday – 1 or 2 Readers

2nd April – Good Friday – 2 Readers

3rd April – Easter Vigil – 4 Readers

4th April – Easter Sunday – 1 or 2 Readers for each Mass

A service offered by Ashtead Churches Together for all to worship on Good Friday 10.30am-11.10am. This service will be live streamed and also available on YouTube for later viewing.

Please be aware of the following:

Tickets are available to book online or by telephoning 01372 813964, St George's reception, weekday mornings from Monday 22nd March or on their website sgsgashtead.org.uk

Entrance will be via the car park to the rear of St George's.

Venue capacity is limited due to social distancing guidelines and we will only be able to admit those who have booked tickets for the service. You should only have members of your immediate household (including support bubble) within one booking and you will be seated together in the church, away from other groups. All will be required to bring and wear a face covering for the duration of their time with us, unless exempt.

This Week's Readings

Jeremiah 31: 31-34;

Psalms 51:

Hebrews 5: 7-9;

John 12: 20-33

You can see these readings at:

<https://www.universalis.com/20210321/mass.htm>

Parish Communications

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_ytZLY

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

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

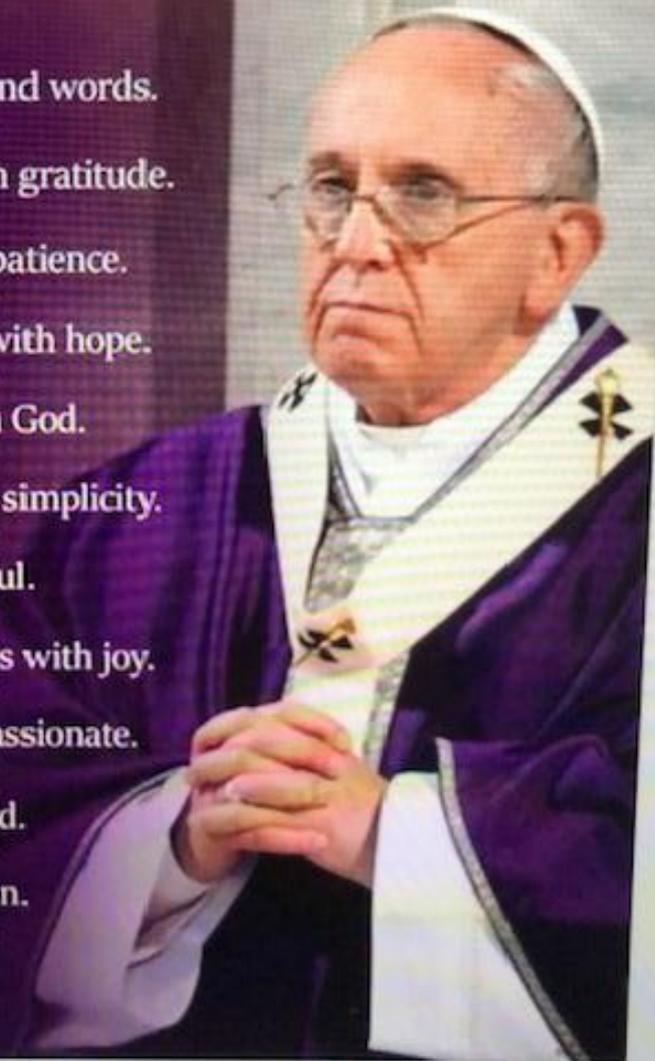
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



Dear Parishioners,

I am writing to you as Head of St Andrew's Catholic School to ask for your help.

There is currently an expansion proposal by Surrey to increase the Pupil Admission Number to 240 in Year 7 for St Andrew's. Whilst this does sound like a significant number of students, as you will see in the attached proposal it is approximately the average number of students we currently have in Years 7 to 10. This would not mean that we would be growing significantly going forward but it would mean that we would be in a position to be able to continue to take 240 each year and have the relevant buildings and finances that go with it. Currently we have a building with the facilities for less than 210 and we only receive the finances for 210 Year 7s each year. It is not possible to continue admitting 240 without the appropriate buildings and support from the LA.

There are many benefits to the school, its students and its future students:

The school will get a building and refurbishment project which will significantly enhance the facilities especially in specialist areas such as Science, DT, Textiles, Food, Drama and Music.

- The school will get funding for 240 students in Year 7 as opposed to the 210 it currently gets funded for.
- As a School with a Pupil Admission Number of 240 students it will ensure that our 6th form offer can continue to develop over the next few years.
- This is the size of intake if funded fully that will ensure stability, strength and depth in all curriculum areas and in the leadership of the school.
- We will be in a better position to be able to meet the need for places for students in our Feeder Schools and local Catholic children in our Deanery

For me, great organisations and great schools are about people. Great staff, great students, great parents and great governors. However, the children at St Andrew's now and in the future deserve the very best facilities and the right funding to compliment the brilliant people and ensure that they all receive the world class experience that they deserve.

I should be grateful if you would use the link below and support this project which will benefit our Catholic community in the short and the long term.

School Expansion Link – <https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/st-andrew-s-catholic-school/>

You just need to email that you would like to attend at. schoolorg@surreycc.gov.uk

and can you email me so I also know who will be attending?

amitchell@st-andrews.surrey.sch.uk

Thank you for your support with this.

I wish you and your families the very best as we start to come out of lock down and in the future.

Alan Mitchell

Headteacher

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.

Gospel Beyond Words

A Story
Laid Out
For Us In
Blood,
Water,
Dust
& Light...

*"More than
an image
it is a presence.
It is a...how to
say...a hidden
testimony
that reveals
evidence."*

Paul Claudel 1935

What the Shroud Tells Us

An Online Weekend with the *Open Cloister@WorthAbbey*

March 26-28 (w/e of Palm Sunday)

Led by
Michael
Woodward

Bookings
& Info via
TOC@worth.org.uk



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/>

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- **ADVANCE DECISIONS AND LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY.**
- **CARER SUPPORT AND ADVICE ON WELLBEING.**

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