

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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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

Mon 29th Monday of Holy Week
9.30am Margaret Mannion RIP

Tues 30th Tuesday of Holy Week
10.30am Funeral Mass for Remo Dipre RIP

Wed 31st **NO MASS**

The Easter Triduum

Thurs 1st **Maundy Thursday**
8.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Canon Frank O'Sullivan RIP

Fri 2nd **Good Friday**
3.00pm The Lord's Passion

Sat 3rd **Easter Vigil**
8.00pm People of the Parish

Easter Sunday 3rd/4th April 2021

8.30am Ricky Byrne RIP
10.30am People of the Parish

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 Machesse
and all who need our prayers.

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

Rosina McGrath, Elisa Pisa, Joan Bond, Maisie Baker,
Gareth Keane, Michael Larkin, Douglas Anderson,
Madeleine Bannan, May Ryan, Robert Pratley,
Carolina Kehyaian, Angela Wilkinson and
Ann Edmunds
May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

At least we are allowed to celebrate Holy Week and Easter in church this year. Last year churches were closed and we were reduced to watching online from one church or cathedral or another. Our celebrations will be somewhat reduced in size, and many elements will be omitted such as the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday and the kissing of the Cross on Good Friday.

Holy Week is the high point of the Church's year, and it is very sad that we cannot do it justice this year. Nonetheless it will be good to have at least some of you in church on these important days. I know that many more of you will be able to join us online.

You have a wonderful choice of places to go to for the Holy Week Liturgy this year as so many parishes have begun live-streaming since last Easter.

The Chrism Mass at Arundel Cathedral with Bishop Richard at 6pm on Wednesday will be broadcast online. The Holy Father will celebrate the various liturgies in St. Peter's in Rome. These are all broadcast by the Vatican on many different channels around the world.

As last year, the sheer variety of liturgies online can bring home to us both the wonders of modern technology and the universal character of the Catholic Church.

Whatever you decide to do, the most important thing is to make the Liturgy of Holy Week and your own personal and family prayer central to your life in these coming days. Make time to be with Jesus as we try to join Him in his great act of love as He gives himself for us on the Cross.

Let's make this truly a "Holy Week".

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.

The offerings at Easter are traditionally for the Parish Priest.

On page 5 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.

Palm Sunday and Holy week Rotas are on page 3 of this Newsletter. We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to read or welcome during this time and over the past few months, usually at short notice; and to anyone who has felt able to help us carry on as 'normal'. Much appreciated.

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:

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches. Those preceding Jesus as well as those following kept crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

Reflection:

Despite the fact that Jesus' appearances were humble, this did not turn people off or drive them away from him. We tend to be impressed by splash and displays of power that fill us with awe. Jesus doesn't draw attention by such grandiose spectacles, but because his words and actions hold out hope to the weary and hopeless. Today we join the crowds who greet Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. and add our own "Hosannas" to theirs.

So, we ask ourselves:

What is there about Jesus that draws me to him and keeps me as his follower?

What can I do to reflect his simplicity and humility in my daily actions? How have we experienced the fruits of these sacrifices in our own lives?



Booking for Easter Services

If you are intending to come to Mass on:

Maundy Thursday 1st April 8pm – spaces still available
Good Friday 2nd April 3pm – spaces still available
Easter Vigil 3rd April 8pm – spaces still available
Easter Sunday 4th April 8.30am - **a few spaces**
10.30am **FULLY BOOKED**

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

CHURCH CLEAN FOR EASTER – Wednesday 31st March

Our regular weekly church clean has not been happening for quite a while but a few kind people have been quietly working away, often on their own.

If you have a little time to spare on Wednesday morning this week, from 9.30am, please help us to have the church as clean and tidy as possible for our Holy Week and Easter services. Please bring your own face mask. Gloves and cleaning products will be provided.

Holy Week and Easter in Rome

Palm Sunday Mass. 10.30am
Angelus prayers. 12 noon

Maundy Thursday Chrism Mass 10am
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 6pm

Good Friday. Liturgy 6pm
Way of the Cross 9pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 7.30pm

Easter Sunday. Mass 0am
"Urbi et Orbi" Blessing 12 noon

Times given are Rome time which is one hour ahead of the UK which will be in British Summer time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Kate O'Neill 12 on Sunday
Adrienne May Hartridge and Grayson Edward Hartridge 10 on Monday
Lucas De Vincentiis 11 and Rafferty Patrick 11 on Tuesday
Oisín Boyle 9, Sadie Granger 11 and Elliott Crouzet-Smith 9 on Wednesday
Chloe Sendet 10 on Thursday
Cameron McLean 11 on Friday

Ashtead Churches Together Good Friday Service 10.30am-11.10am. will be live streamed and also available on YouTube for later viewing. Tickets are available online or by telephoning 01372 813964, St George's reception, weekday mornings from Mon 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.

Besom gratefully accepts any good quality items you are able to give to brighten the lives of those in need locally: Furniture, Soft Furnishings, White Goods and other household essentials. Besom also welcomes financial donations towards running costs or to buy a particular item for a family. Or perhaps you can give a little of your time to join our team? If you can help in any way, please call Besom on 07904 679380 or email besominashtead@gmail.com Thank you.

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, caromking@gmail.com

This Week's Readings

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 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/UCcCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLY

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

HOLY WEEK ROTA

Palm Sunday – 27th/28th March

6.00pm

R1 Phillipa Dupénois

R2

Passion

Narrator Deacon David

Voice 1 Alan Waters

Voice 2 Nick Pisa

9.30am

Caroline King

Cara Heden

Deacon David

Mike King

Mary Merrett

Welcomers: B Todd-Counsell

Welcomers: P Weaver, P Durrett

Maundy Thursday – 1st Apr – 8.00pm

R1 Nick Pisa

R2 Maureen Anderson

Welcomers: D Warnock, Matthew Pattinson

Good Friday – 2nd Apr – 3.00pm

R1 Jacqui Shabankareh

R2 Nick Pisa

N Deacon David

V1 Mike King

V2 Phillipa Dupénois

Welcomers: M & R Channing Pearce, P Wain

Easter Vigil – 3rd Apr – 8.00pm

R1 Maureen Anderson

R2 Jacqui Shabankareh

R3 Mary Merrett

NT Alan Waters

Welcomers: M Pattinson

Easter Sunday – 4th Apr

8.30am

R1 Nick Pisa

R2

10.30am

Beatriz Lapham

Alexandra Lapham

Welcomers: M McGarr,
P Weaver

Welcomers: E Keun, D Reynolds, M Pattinson

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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