

# ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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## The Easter Triduum

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

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> **Good Friday**  
**3.00pm** The Lord's Passion

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> **Easter Vigil**  
**8.00pm** People of the Parish

### Easter Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

8.30am Ricky Byrne RIP  
10.30am People of the Parish

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday  
**10am** Margaret Bishop RIP

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Easter Tuesday  
9.30am Holy Souls

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> **NO MASS**

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Easter Thursday  
9.30am Liz Williams RIP

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Easter Friday  
9.30am Henry Stern RIP

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Easter Saturday  
**10am** John and Margaret Cosgrove RIP

### Second Sunday of Easter 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> April 2021

6pm Private Intention of the Yiannis Family  
9.30am People of the Parish

All Masses are 'live-streamed' on YouTube   
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3\\_ytZLYq](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.**

My Dear Friends,

It is good to be able to celebrate Easter this year in church. Last year, as you will remember, there were no public Masses at all and the church doors remained firmly locked. We had to rely on the internet for the Liturgy of Holy Week and Easter itself.



It has been good to see so many of you back in church again since we were allowed to have you here, even if in much reduced numbers. It has also been good to be able to broadcast the Mass online since July.

It has been interesting to find people sharing in our Liturgy in different countries. I am aware of people in Canada, The USA, Singapore and Pakistan. No doubt there are others.

I will remember you all in my prayers and especially at Mass this Easter. May it be a true celebration of our Faith and inspire us with renewed Christian hope.

With my love and prayers for each of you

Father Tony

## Next Baptism Course

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June in St Michael's Church Hall at 7pm. Please email [smichaeloffice@gmail.com](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

This week **Esme Punt's** daughter Cathy Kent contacted the Parish to say that sadly Esme had died in January after a brief illness at the grand old age of 95. Many of you would remember Tom and Esme as regular 6pm Mass goers, may they rest in peace.

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

Francis McParland, Vera King, Jill Earl,  
Jane Genevier, Anna Harris, Lilian Pratley,  
Aloysius Keeley, Louis Constable, Nick Green,  
Fr Ralph Message, Agnes Berryman and  
Florence Leary  
**May they Rest in Peace**

### From today's Gospel reading:

Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.

### Reflection:

What slowed Peter down? Was it his memory of his abandonment before Jesus' passion? Was he burdened by the weight of the past? If Peter comes to faith in the resurrection, everything will change for him. Before the risen Christ Peter will have to accept forgiveness. It will be a gift, not something he earned, but something he must offer others – if he is to believe in the risen Lord.

### So, we ask ourselves:

- Is there something from our past that weighs us down?
- What might the resurrected Jesus say about that burden?

**On page 5 of this newsletter please see a letter from Alan Mitchell the Headteacher at St Andrews Secondary School, Leatherhead.**

**Andrew Marsh** writes - please can we highlight Ethiopia's Tigray Crisis in the Newsletter. Having attended an online Cafod Mass for Ethiopia last Friday evening I gather that things are currently Desperate in this region in particular. Please take a minute to visit their website. *Andrew*.  
<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ethiopia-s-Tigray-crisis>

### Booking for Easter Services

If you are intending to come to Mass on:

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

Please can you email the Parish office [smichaeloffice@gmail.com](mailto:smichaeloffice@gmail.com) and we will book you a place.

### Diocesan Fairtrade Group

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton is a Fairtrade Diocese - 50% of our churches are certificated as meeting the Fairtrade Foundation's criteria for Fairtrade churches and agree to use products with the FAIRTRADE mark. The A&B Fairtrade Group ensures that goals continue to be met and aims to raise awareness about Fairtrade labelled products - including those sold by Traidcraft - which support fair terms of trade, decent working conditions and local sustainability for farmers and producers in the developing world. The Group needs more members from across the Diocese and would welcome enquiries from interested people. The Group meets three times a year. Please contact Sue Joy, Convenor. Email [SusanJoy471@hotmail.com](mailto:SusanJoy471@hotmail.com) 01342 835190. Thank you.

### Holy Week and Easter in Rome

<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	Chrism Mass 10am Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 6pm
<b>Good Friday.</b>	Liturgy 6pm Way of the Cross 9pm
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	Easter Vigil 7.30pm
<b>Easter Sunday.</b>	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:

Florence O'Shea 13, Harrison Chard 12 and Lucas Hutchinson 4 on Sunday  
Joseph Dunseath 11 on Monday  
Aoife Thorp 5 on Tuesday  
Isabelle Busby 13 and Livia Grace Warner 8 on Wednesday  
Scarlett Latham 11 on Thursday  
Thomas Novoa Matos 5 on Friday  
Nicholas Naspi 12 on Saturday

### 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](http://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](mailto: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, [caromking8@gmail.com](mailto:caromking8@gmail.com)

### This Week's Readings

Acts 10: 34. 37-43; Psalm 117:  
Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9  
You can see these readings at:  
<https://www.universalis.com/20210404/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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLY)

*You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to [newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk) to arrive by 9.30am on Friday morning*

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## HOLY WEEK ROTA

### **Maundy Thursday – 1<sup>st</sup> Apr – 8.00pm**

R1 Nick Pisa

R2 Maureen Anderson

Welcomers: D Warnock, Matthew Pattinson

### **Good Friday – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr – 8.00pm**

R1 Maureen Anderson

R2 Jacqui Shabankareh

R3 Mary Merrett

NT Alan Waters

Welcomers: M Pattinson

### **Easter Sunday – 4<sup>th</sup> Apr**

**8.30am**

R1 Nick Pisa

R2

Welcomers: M McGarr,  
P Weaver

**10.30am**

Beatriz Lapham

Alexandra Lapham

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.

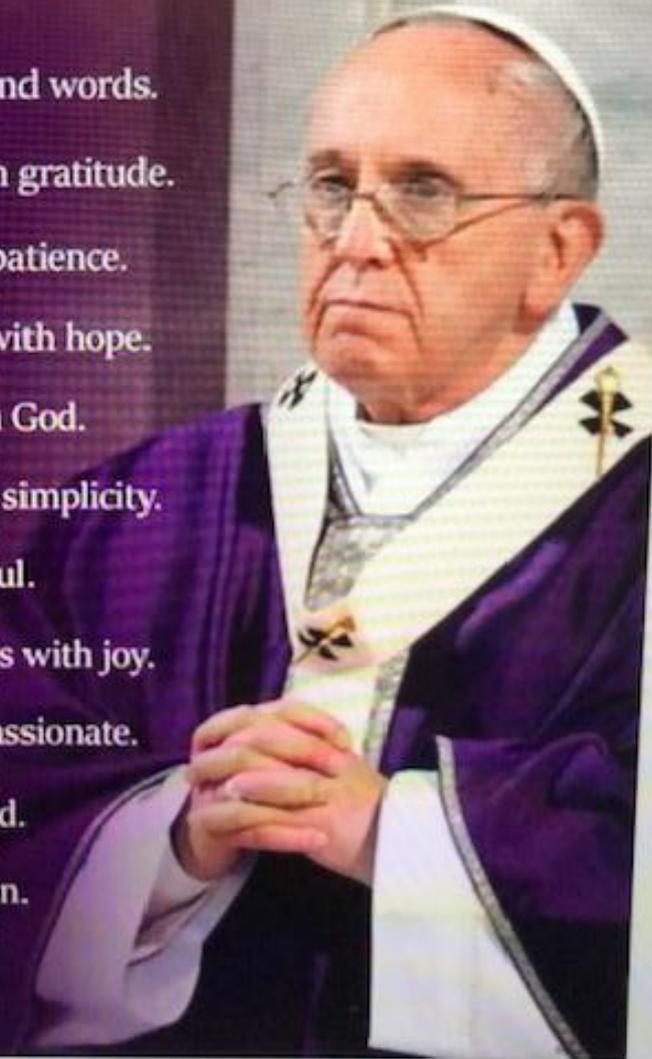
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

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](mailto:schoolorg@surreycc.gov.uk)

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

[amitchell@st-andrews.surrey.sch.uk](mailto: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.



## 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/>

**CLARISSA GIBSON  
FOUNDER**

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