

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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Hall wi-fi: [Netgear41](#) (password) [grandcomet148](#)
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Please ring Fr Tony on his number above in an emergency
or to request Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Second Sunday of Easter 10th/11th April 2021

6.0pm Private Intention of the Yiannis Family
9.30am People of the Parish

Mon 12th Monday of Second Week of Eastertide
9.30am Barbara Jones RIP

Tues 13th Tuesday of Second Week of Eastertide
9.30am Margaret Bishop RIP

Wed 14th **NO MASS**

Thurs 15th Thursday of Second Week of Eastertide
9.30am Liz Williams RIP

Fri 16th Friday of Second Week of Eastertide
9.30am Intentions of the Dore Family

Sat 17th Saturday of Second Week of Eastertide
10.am Grace & Martin RIP

Third Sunday of Easter – 17th/18th April 2021

6.0pm Elisa Pisa RIP
8.30am Anthony Benedict RIP
10.30am People of the Parish

All Masses are 'live-streamed' on YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLYq

NB Unfortunately, at the moment the loop system is not working.

**CHRIST IS RISEN
ALLELUIA!**

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.

First Holy Communion Programme 2021



My Dear Parents and Guardians,
We have had a number of enquiries, understandably, about the First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. As you will appreciate, we cannot have large groups at present, so we are planning a different approach at least for this year.

We obviously cannot envisage a large group of 30 or 40 children. We will have to limit ourselves to children who regularly worship here at St. Michael's. We will begin with a maximum of ten children and ten parents.

The plan is to have a second similar group in the Autumn and a further one in the New Year. When you apply you will go on to a waiting list. I will ask each family to get in touch with me so that I can explain the programme and the commitment it involves. There is no point in taking part in the programme unless you intend to bring your child to Mass on a regular basis. We are hoping to help the children to know Jesus Our Lord, and to want to receive Him regularly in Holy Communion. This obviously depends on your willingness to make it possible.

The programme we have been using over the last four years has been very popular with parents and has also helped to rekindle their own faith. We hope that it will be the same for you.

Once the first group has completed the programme it will be for each family to arrange with the Parish Office a convenient day for the child to make their First Holy Communion. We found last year that the families really appreciated the more intimate celebrations for two or three families to celebrate this special moment at an ordinary Parish Mass. Other parishioners also welcomed the chance to share in these moments.

We look forward to receiving your applications.
With my blessing, Father Tony

There will be more information shortly about the Confirmation programme.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Her Majesty the Queen this weekend as she mourns the death of Prince Philip.

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.

Ashted Men's Breakfast

The next Virtual Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday April 17th at 9.30 am. Our speaker will be Malcolm Leighton, talking to us about the Rehema Trust, the charity he set up after the death of his wife, Barbara. The talk is entitled **MY CONNECTION WITH KENYA - HOW IT HAS AFFECTED MY LIFE.**

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

Michael Crowe, Theresa Hinchey, Joan Hickson,
Hannah Connors, Betty Turner, Margaret Willsher
Ashley Holmes, Katharina Landers, Doreen Adams,
Martin O'Neill, Edith May, Gordon Allery
May they Rest in Peace

From today's Gospel reading:

[Jesus said to Thomas]
"Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Reflection:

Most of us Catholics were baptized as infants and our faith is initially based on the words and example of others. Like Thomas we are asked to put our faith in other believers who have been our guides. Also, like Thomas, each of us comes to our own personal experience of Jesus' resurrection.

So, we ask ourselves:

When have I had the most doubts about the living presence of Christ?
Where and how do I expect to meet the risen Lord in this life?

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>

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 01342 835190. Thank you.



Ashtead Family Treasure Hunt
10th – 11th April (10am – 6pm)
see page 3 below...

Parliament in your Parish

Engaging A&B MPs to plan a better post-COVID world
Thursday 15th April, 7.30pm to 8.30pm
The eyes are on the UK as we host both the G7 and COP26 summits this year. It is as important as ever that we hold our politicians accountable after the pandemic to rebuild in a way that addresses the world's most pressing ecological and social issues. Arundel & Brighton's Journey to 2030 and CAFOD invite you to an evening of online discussion on how we can engage with our MP on these issues, using CAFOD's Reclaim our Common Home campaign as a means to encourage our MPs to take action through a "Parliament in your Parish". You will learn about how to engage with the campaign, including how to set up meetings with your MP, as well as have the chance to connect with others in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton and your own constituency to maximise our message.

Please email: parish_rep@journeyto2030.org with your name, parish and MP constituency to register your place and receive the Zoom link.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Jack Barrett 13 today!
Edward Cleasby 11 on Wednesday
Ophelia Wilkinson 12, Daisy Hall 10, Isaac James 3 on Thursday
Elizabeth Sachs 10, Luca Beeston 11 on Saturday

Online Giving – The Coronavirus affects 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.
<http://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.

St Philomena's Catholic High School in Carshalton is seeking to appoint a Clerk to the Governing Body. If you are interested email recruitment@stphils.org.uk or ring 020 8642 2025

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, caromking8@gmail.com

This Week's Readings

Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 118;
I John 5: 1-6; John 20: 19-31
You can see these readings at:
<https://www.universalis.com/20210411/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_vtZLY

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

APRIL
10-11



ASHTEAD FAMILY TREASURE HUNT! SUPPORTING:

Friends of **AyC**

The Ashtead Family Treasure Hunt - 10th – 11th April (10am – 6pm)

As the 12th of April draws ever nearer and the lockdown slowly but surely lifts, families are likely to be searching for something to see them through the last weekend before venues begin to reopen. Well look no further!

The Friends of Ashtead Youth club are delighted to host The Ashtead Family Treasure Hunt to assist with the much needed funding to an essential part of our community, The Ashtead Youth Club.

Due to unfortunate government cuts, the Youth Club now relies on charity funding in order to run the centre and give our young adults a safe place to meet and get involved with activities that will help them enjoy, grow and prepare for the next stage of their lives.

Thanks to local business, the winning family or household will enjoy:

* A Gelato Feast courtesy of Green Wise – Specialty Food Retailers (up to five flavours)

* A Bath Bomb Pedicure courtesy of Nothing But Beauty – Beauty Salon

* A Whiskey Tasting Experience courtesy of Liquid Gold Whiskey Company – Whiskey Specialist

To buy your ticket, please go to: <https://www.musicglue.com/.../ashtead-family-treasure-hunt>

We hope that you and your families enjoy the event!

When the ticket is purchased, it will let you download the instruction.

The first clue is along with instructions.

The clue reads:

We start at the building the fundraising is for,
Find the first clue on the double green door.

(Ashtead Youth Club)

There you will find the next clue and so the adventure begins.

Collect the letters along the way which will reveal an anagram for a word.

Email the word to fiendsofayc@gmail.com and you will be entered into the prize draw!

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.



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.**
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