

# ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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## The Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> June

6.0pm Intentions of the Le Riche Family  
8.30am Well-being of Michael O'Hare  
10.30am People of the Parish

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

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
9.30am Eileen Fuller RIP

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> **NO MASS**

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
9.30am Remo Dipre RIP

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
09.30am Charles Dupénois RIP

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Heart of Mary  
**10am** Pat, Bert & Chris Cushion RIP

## The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> June

6.0pm People of the Parish  
8.30am Vacant intention  
10.30am Intentions of Shirley Pattinson

All Masses are 'live-streamed' on YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3\\_ytZLYq](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLYq)

This weekend we welcome back  
Fr Richard Madders

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Shirley Pattinson, Mike Hanly, Kieron Byrne, Shaun Wallace,  
Simon Warren, Mavis Bazeley, Philip MacDonald,  
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.**



## BISHOP RICHARD'S PASTORAL LETTER

This great Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi - calls us to reflect on the Lord's gift of Himself in the Eucharist.

(see Bishop Richard's Pastoral letter in full on page 4 of this newsletter or pick one up in the Porch)



Bishop Richard concelebrated Mass for our 2020 & 2021 Jubilarians at Arundel Cathedral on 27<sup>th</sup> May, **including Fr Tony** of course. Congratulations and 'Ad Multos Annos' to all those marking their Silver, Ruby, Golden and Diamond Jubilees in our Diocese.

Date for your diary!

## Welcome back Mass and tea, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm

There will be an opportunity for parishioners, but particularly those who have been shielding during Lockdown and subsequent weeks and those living alone who have as yet felt unable to come to the church, to take part in person in a special 'Welcome' Mass. This will take place after June 21<sup>st</sup> when all the current restrictions will finish.

Mass will be followed by tea and cake in the hall afterwards.

Please encourage anyone whom you feel might benefit from joining in, to come and join their community in this special mass, **especially if you or they are new to the Parish and have not had the opportunity to meet other Parishioners.**

If any lifts are required, please phone Caroline King 277140.

St Peters are seeking a part-time teacher of music from September 2021

<https://www.eteach.com/job/lead-teacher-of-music-1153466>

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

Wyn Haynes, Maria Palermo, Mario Schifano,  
Trudi Walsh, Jack Gavin, Rev. John Brockman,  
Donald Cameron, Tony O'Brian, John Lea,  
Cathy Waters, Kathy Lee, Myra Moonie,  
Kenneth Clinnick and François Menjou

**May they Rest in Peace**

**From today's Gospel reading:**

While they were eating Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it, this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many."

**Reflection:**

Jesus' sacrifice wasn't just his death on the cross, his whole life was a gift of himself to humanity. By receiving the Body and Blood of Christ today in the Eucharist, we are asking for the nourishment and strength, indeed, the very life of Jesus, to help us do what he did – to offer our lives as a gift to those we are called to serve.

**So, we ask ourselves:**

How are the daily sacrifices I make like the ones Jesus made?  
How does my life reflect the true presence of Christ in the world?

**Bidding Prayers** – Fr Tony is inviting any parishioner to send in their own Bidding Prayers for Sunday Masses. So, if they arrive in the week, [smichaeloffice@gmail.com](mailto:smichaeloffice@gmail.com) they can be included that weekend.

**Are you aged 18-30?**



**CAFOD** offers a gap year programme called Step into the Gap. As part of the 10-month programme, you will be based in either a youth retreat centre, university chaplaincy or a secondary school chaplaincy team gaining new skills, developing as a leader and gaining work experience. Accommodation and travel expenses are included. Full time placements include stipends. Find out more information including how to apply at [www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear](http://www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear)

**ONLINE RETREATS: The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey:**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June: The Wisdom of St Benedict**  
Led by Fr Martin McGee OSB  
**Fri 18<sup>th</sup>-Sun 20<sup>th</sup> June: The Motif of Feast in the Bible**  
Led by Viv Randall and Michael Woodward (both Lay Community of St Benedict)  
Further information and to book your place online:  
<https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>  
For enquiries, please email: [toc@worth.org.uk](mailto:toc@worth.org.uk)

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Nicholas Merlini 11 on Sunday  
Zac Hanlon 8 and Sam Warburton 6 on Monday  
Arianna Watson (Keun) 11 on Tuesday  
Harrison Neal 10 and Tara Boyle 12 on Friday  
Ciara Langmead 7 on Saturday

**Online Giving** – The Coronavirus affects us materially as well as spiritually. 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](mailto:smichaelweb@gmail.com)  
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.



Are you a young adult looking to deepen your faith and make like-minded friends? If the answer is yes, sign up to join our virtual community!

We will be using Sycamore materials as a starter for our conversations, and will meet once a fortnight, on alternate Mondays, starting on the **14th June at 7pm on Zoom**. To join our diocesan wide community, please [register here](#) or contact; : [ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk)

**This Week's Readings**

Exodus 24:3-8, Psalm 115;  
Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26  
You can see these readings at:  
<https://www.universalis.com/20210603/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\\_vtZLYa/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_vtZLYa/)

**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**

Weekend	Welcomers/Readers - Weekend Masses					
	Saturday 6:00 pm		Sunday 8:30 am		Sunday 10:30 am	
5th/6th June	W1	E Keun	W1	D Warnock	W1	T Gogy
	W2	K Casson	W2	B Lapham	W2	N Langley
	R1	T Le-Riche	R1	M O'Donovan	R1	C Balko
12th/13th June	W1	B.Todd-Counsell	W1	M McGarr	W1	D.Devaney
	W2	A & A Todd-Counsell	W2		W2	
	R1	M Anderson	R1	N Pisa	R1	J Close

2021	Saturday 6:00 pm		Sunday 8:30 am		Sunday 10:30 am	
<b>15th/16th May</b>	W1	L Baldwin	W1	D. Warnock	W1	T Gogy
	W2	H Cassar	W2	M Pattinson	W2	P Durrett
	R1	C Stokes	R1	M O'Donovan	R1	C Heden
<b>22nd/23rd May</b>	W1	R Simonetti	W1	Rocío	W1	C. Bellini
	W2	A Caprano-Wint	W2	Santiago	W2	D Devaney
	R1	N Pisa	R1	G. Hayter	R1	Daisy McBride
<b>29th/30th May</b>	W1	Felix	W1	P Weaver	W1	A.Stokes
	W2	A.Grimmer	W2	M. McGarr	W2	D Reynolds
	R1	D Gwyther	R1	P Dupénois	R1	C. Stokes
<b>5th/6th June</b>	W1	E Keun	W1	D. Warnock	W1	T Gogy
	W2	K Casson	W2	B Lapham	W2	N Langley
	R1	T. Le-Riche	R1	M. O'Donovan	R1	C.Balko
<b>12th/13th June</b>	W1	B.Todd-Counsell	W1	M McGarr	W1	D.Devaney
	W2	A & A Todd-Counsell	W2		W2	J.Close
	R1	M Anderson	R1	N Pisa	R1	
<b>19th/20th June</b>	W1	E. Keun	W1	M.McGarr	W1	C. Bellini
	W2	T Fisi	W2		W2	P Durrett
	R1	A. Waters	R1	G Hayter	R1	Daisy McBride
<b>26th/27th June</b>	W1	R Simonetti	W1	A.Tybura	W1	T Gogy
	W2	A Caprano-Wint	W2	A.Tybura	W2	N Langley
	R1	P Dupenois	R1	M. O'Donovan	R1	C.Balko
<b>3rd/4th July</b>	W1	A & A Todd-Counsell	W1	P Weaver	W1	R Dodge
	W2	B.Todd-Counsell	W2	M McGarr	W2	T Gogy
	R1	D Gwyther	R1	S. Williams	R1	C. Heden
<b>10th/11th July</b>	W1	Felix	W1	Santiago	W1	C. Bellini
	W2	A Grimmer	W2	Rocío	W2	N Langley
	R1	T. Le-Riche	R1	G. Hayter	R1	Daisy McBride
<b>17th/18th July</b>	W1	E Kuen	W1	D. Warnock	W1	D.Devaney
	W2	L Baldwin	W2	M. Pattinson	W2	D Reynolds
	R1	A Mcgregor	R1	N Pisa	R1	J Close
<b>24th/25th July</b>	W1	Felix	W1	P Weaver	W1	
	W2	A Grimmer	W2	M.McGarr	W2	
	R1	M.Anderson	R1	G. Hayter	R1	C Balko
<b>31st/1st August</b>	W1	R Simonetti	W1	Rocio	W1	T Gogy
	W2	A Caprano-Wint	W2	Santiago	W2	N Langley
	R1	P Dupénois	R1	S Williams	R1	N Pisa
<b>07th/08th August</b>	W1	J Cassar	W1		W1	A Stokes
	W2	H Cassar	W2	B Lapham	W2	
	R1	M Anderson	R1	A Lapham	R1	C Stokes
<b>14th/15th August</b>	W1	L & J Laguarda	W1		W1	R. Dodge
	W2		W2		W2	
	R1	A McGregor	R1	D Gwyther	R1	



## BISHOP RICHARD'S PASTORAL LETTER

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This great Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi - calls us to reflect on the Lord's gift of Himself in the Eucharist. This celebration is "the heart and summit of the Church's life. [1] It is the greatest prayer, the highest action possible, for "Christ Himself, acting through the ministry of the priests, offered the Eucharistic sacrifice." [2] The Lord is truly present, sacramentally, and we are called to share in the gift of His Body and Blood. Through our sharing in Him, so we become ever closer to Him and to each other in the life and mission to which He has called us. The prayer of the Eucharist goes beyond our understanding and its impact on the life of the world will be greater than we can ever comprehend.

In the Eucharist, the Lord calls us to "share in his divinity, as he humbled Himself to share in our humanity." [3] This is the great moment of conformity to Christ. The closeness that we have with Him through the Eucharist enables us to be the disciples He calls us to be; our Mission as His Church becomes possible. Let us pray and prepare ourselves that nothing would ever stand in the way of our openness to the gift and grace of the Eucharist.

During this last year, it has not always been possible for us to gather for the celebration of Mass. There were times, in the early months of the pandemic, when the priest celebrated alone in the Church. Knowing that the Eucharist was being celebrated in those times was a source of blessing and the live-streaming of the Liturgy enabled great numbers of people to join the celebration remotely. This has been a gift and will continue to be so for those who are infirm and housebound. However, sharing 'virtually' in the celebration that is at the very heart of our lives will never be the ideal. We are remote from our brothers and sisters in our parish communities and while the Spiritual Communion brings many graces, the participation in the celebration of Mass is the source of our lives.

On this Corpus Christi Day, therefore, I offer a deliberate invitation to return to the public celebration of Mass. Come once more to be with your sisters and brothers, gathered around the altar to meet with the Crucified and Risen Lord, truly present in the gift of the Sacrament.

I call on you to extend this invitation to those whom you know who have not yet returned to the parish community. Extend this invitation to those who have found themselves searching for God during this time of pandemic, for we are at a moment of evangelisation: the Lord calls us to action.

The experience of the last year, with its many deep sufferings, calls us to rely on the One who brings us healing and wholeness - a healing and wholeness that we find in the Eucharist. "No other Sacrament" St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us, "has greater healing power." [4] In the Eucharist, there is healing for ourselves, for our communities, for the world.

The Eucharist is a gift so amazing that our faltering human language cannot grasp its wonder. The Lord gives us His very Self as the food for our pilgrimage of life. It is the Lord who sustains us, not simply as individuals but as a community, for the work He has given us to do. Our present circumstances call us to remain faithful to this greatest of all celebrations, for the Eucharist is the source from which our lives are fulfilled. It is the moment from which the Lord sends us out on the Mission to which He has called us. How can we stay away?

With every Blessing,

+ Richard

1. CCC. n.1407.
2. CCC, n.1410.
3. THE ROMAN MISSAL, Offertory Prayers.
4. St. THOMAS AQUINAS, On the Feast of Corpus Christi.



# Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programme 2021

## 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.

## First Holy Communion

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 hope to start during the summer term with the first group of ten children. 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.

## CONFIRMATION

My Dear Parents and Guardians,

In normal times we would expect young people in Year 10 to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation sometime between Easter and Pentecost. This year it was not possible to do that.

Bishop Richard will be coming to Epsom to confirm young people from this area on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>. At the present time it is still not possible to bring candidates together for preparation classes, although we hope that it will become possible by late June. This means that we could not realistically hope to start the programme until the Autumn, which is not adequate time for serious preparation.

There is a further serious complication in that the present Year 10 will be entering Year 11 in September, which is the GCSE year. The problems of the past year have caused a lot of stress for young people, and we think that it would be unfair to ask them to undertake preparation for Confirmation during Year 11, which will have quite enough stress without any additional burdens.

With this in mind we are proposing to delay everything until the Autumn of next year (2022). This may well mean that we have a larger group than usual, but that can easily be managed, and will allow adequate time for preparation, including the very important weekend retreat.

Meanwhile if there are any young people who seriously wish to receive the Sacrament this coming November and do not want to delay, please let me know. If so, I would need to meet any such individual personally to discuss how best to proceed.

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

## 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.

# CCRS

## The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

**Join our CCRS course starting in September!** The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is beginning again in our Diocese this September. The course is designed for teachers in Catholic schools, for Catechists and for anyone who would like to grow in understanding as they live their Catholic faith.

The CCRS offers a very flexible and accessible way of learning, it includes some online content and is made up of eight modules: six core and two specialist modules. Each module involves ten hours of course time and an assignment. To read an overview of the course structure [click here](#). You can access a range of helpful FAQs on the [CCRS website here](#). For more information or to register your place please [contact our Formation Adviser](#).

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## Preaching to the Hearts of Children

### Understanding Children and Ways to Reach Them



Join a webinar with Dr Ann Garrido, Author, Educator and Associate Professor of Homiletics at Aquinas Institute in St. Louis, for a free webinar 'Preaching to the Hearts of Children - Understanding Children and Ways to Reach Them'. The webinar, organised by [The Catholic Association of Preachers](#) would be particularly useful for priests, deacons, school chaplains, children's liturgy and First Holy Communion catechists. [Click here to register your place](#) and receive the Zoom code by email.

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