

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.

The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th/13th June

6.0pm People of the Parish
8.30am Richard & Margaret Slade RIP
10.30am Intentions of Shirley Pattinson

Mon 14th Weekday
9.30am Theresa Grogan RIP

Tues 15th Weekday
9.30am Fr John Healy RIP

Wed 16th **NO MASS**

Thurs 17th Weekday
9.30am Deceased & living relatives of Dipre Family

Fri 18th Weekday
09.30am Michael & Esther Roche RIP
followed by the interment of their ashes

Sat 19th Weekday
10am Vacant intention

The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th/20th June

6.0pm Kieron & Ricky Byrne RIP
8.30am Maureen Fitzsimmons RIP
10.30am People of the Parish

All Masses are 'live-streamed' on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLYq

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Francesco Pisa, Shirley Pattinson, Mike Hanly, 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.

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

Ida Gregory, John Burman, John McKeever,
Fr Edward Maxwell, Cris Cushion, Patrick Queally,
Tony Laguarda, Paulette Baker, Joan White,
Cardinal Basil Hume, Lucy Kemp, Mina Bond,
Sr Brendan and Kieron Byrne who died last weekend.

May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

I returned on Monday from my break after four days in Cheltenham and five days in Northumberland. I celebrated Mass on the first Sunday in the Church of The Sacred Heart in Charlton Kings, where a friend is the Parish Priest. Last Sunday I was in Ferryhill in County Durham.



It is always interesting to visit different parishes and to see how they are coping with the demands of the pandemic. In both parishes it was evident that people are eager to move on and to rebuild.

Last Thursday I had an opportunity for the first time to visit Lindisfarne, Holy Island. As you probably know, Lindisfarne played an important part in bringing Christianity to Britain. Back in the seventh century King Oswald invited the Irish monk, St Aidan, to come and establish a monastic community there. Aidan, and later St Cuthbert, were pioneers in the conversion of that part of England.

It is a beautiful place redolent with Christian history. We had a fascinating talk from a former teacher about that history. It later transpired that his father lived "Down South" in a place called Ashted.....

I remembered you all there in my prayers...

God bless,
Father Tony

Welcome back Mass and tea, Thursday 24th June
(we are waiting to see what the Government announces on Monday 14th)

Grandparents' Pilgrimage to the Shrine at West Grinstead:

All Grandparents, or honorary grandparents, are invited to join Bishop Richard for our annual pilgrimage to West Grinstead on Wednesday, 7th July, from 10 am.

This is always a lovely event. It is a day to meet other grandparents and share the joys and excitement of this wonderful vocation.

There will be opportunities for Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Rosary, and a visit to the Secret Chapel (flat shoes advised).

Packed lunch needed. Drinks provided. See page 8 of this newsletter. Contact katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

FINDING STILLNESS:

The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey

Tuesday 24th-Thursday 26th August 2021

An experimental hybrid retreat where you are invited to come and stay at Worth or join the retreat online.

For further information or to book your place online go to:

www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats

Enquiries: toc@worth.org.uk

See page 4 of this newsletter

From today's Gospel reading:

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow."

Reflection:

In the parable the seed grows by itself. Jesus is reminding us of something we can forget in our daily efforts to do and accomplish good. God has not left us on our own, but it present, active and supportive in our efforts. Yes, we will work as hard as we can with all our heart, education and skills. And we will also pray for trust in the God who guides and works with us daily.

So we ask ourselves:

What difficult tasks preoccupy and worry us?
How do we experience God working alongside us in our struggles?

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 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

ONLINE RETREATS:

**The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey:
Fri 18th-Sun 20th 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

The Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust is a charity - No. 252878

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Ivan Villaruz 11 on Sunday
Alexandra Shiels Sarawan and Jack Dodge 12 on Monday
Sofia Faiello 11 on Tuesday
Jonah Griffiths 11 on Wednesday
Treasure Kalekezi 12 on Thursday
India Rose Clack 9, Isabelle Gogy 12, Mathew Harris Milan 10 and Owen Murphy 12 on Friday

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
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

This Week's Readings

Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 91;
2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34
You can see these readings at:
<https://www.universalis.com/20210613/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/

You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to 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	
12th/13th June	W1	B.Todd-Counsell	W1	M McGarr	W1	D.Devaney
	W2	A & A Todd-Counsell	W2	P Weaver	W2	P Durrett
	R1	M Anderson	R1	N Pisa	R1	J Close
19th/20th June	W1	E. Keun	W1	M.McGarr	W1	C. Bellini
	W2	T Fisi	W2		W2	P Durrett
	R1	A Waters	R1	G Hayter	R1	D McBride

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



“Be still and know that I am God”

Psalm 46:10

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Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programme 2021

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.

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 15th. 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](#).

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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GRANDPARENTS ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

Wednesday 7th July
10.30 - 15.00

**The Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis,
Park Lane, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT**

The day will include **Adoration** and **Reconciliation**, **Stations of the Cross**, an opportunity to visit the **Secret Chapel** (flat shoes advised), **Mass** with Bishop Richard, and the opportunity to meet and chat with other Grandparents.

Coffee and tea will be provided, but please **bring a packed lunch**.
Please note that parking is limited.

Please **click here to book your place** or contact our Marriage and Family Life Adviser **E: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk**

www.abdiocese.org.uk

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