

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

6pm Cathy & Christopher Waters RIP
8.30am Maureen Fitzsimmons RIP
10.30am People of the Parish

Mon 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga,
9.30am Intentions of Elizabeth Jones

Tues 22nd Ss John Fisher and Thomas More
9.30am Joan Bond RIP

Wed 23rd **NO MASS**

Thurs 24th The Nativity of John the Baptist
10.30am Requiem Mass for Kieron Byrne

Fri 25th Weekday
09.30am Margaret Rogers RIP

Sat 26th Weekday
10am Intentions of Bob & Maria Adams

The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th/27th June

6.0pm Janet & Victor Abraham RIP
8.30am Kieron 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

Doreen Peters, Francesco Pisa, Shirley Pattinson,
Shaun Wallace, Simon Warren, Mavis Bazeley,
Philip MacDonald, Margaret McArdle, Peggy Brogan,
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.

Don McGregor, Tom Punt, Francis McCarthy,
Dennis Sheehan, Peter Chappell, Francis Money,
Francis Willsher, Flora Graña, Stanislaw Kendik,
Mary Friend, Angela Macaluso and
Leonard Norval and **George Stuart Baxter who died recently**
May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

As you know, I hope to celebrate the 50th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood on Saturday July 10th with a Mass here at 12 midday.

The restrictions still in force will limit the numbers taking part as we are still required to follow the rules on social distancing.

I have invited my family and other friends to be here to share in the celebration but I am anxious that there should be as much room as possible for you, my parish family, to be here as well. The same applies to the "reception" in the garden after the Mass.

I hope to publish details shortly, but meanwhile I would ask you to remember me in your prayers at this very special time.

As the restrictions now in force will inevitably limit the numbers who can take part on July 10th I intend to make the two Sunday Masses on July 11th opportunities to celebrate this special anniversary with all of you.

Anniversaries are for all of us a chance to remember and celebrate God's faithful love over the years. I hope that you will join me in that.

With my love and prayers for each of you
Father Tony

Fr Tony's Golden Jubilee Mass Saturday 10th July 12 noon.

(there will not be a 6pm Mass that evening)

If you would like to come to that Mass to help celebrate Fr Tony's '50 Years a Priest' please let the office know and we will 'book' you in very much like our Christmas and Easter bookings – email/drop a note in the post box/ring the office and let us know – smichaeloffice@gmail.com

Welcome back Mass and tea; postponed until further notice.

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

Contactless Giving

Since the beginning of the Pandemic we have not been able to collect money from the offertory, as the basket does not get passed round as normal. We have still managed to receive income from standing orders, cheques and cash in the baskets at the back of the Church for which we are very grateful. However, from this weekend you now have another option for your offertory and that is to use your bank cards to make a contactless payment, as if you were buying a coffee! You chose the amount and then 'tap and go', it's that simple. The new devices will be in the porch area with 'help' so we can talk you through it. **Many thanks, the Finance Team.**

From today's Gospel reading:

The disciples woke Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was a great calm.

Reflection:

There is much that affects our church these days: scandal on the inside and rejection and persecution from the outside. With the disciples we are tempted to ask Jesus, "Don't you care...?" Today's gospel directs us to turn to Christ, who cares for God's storm-tossed children and ask him to speak a word of calm over the powerful forces that distress us – "Quiet! Be still!"

So, we ask ourselves:

What turbulent forces in my life frighten me and test my faith?
Have I invited Jesus to speak a word that will give me courage and inner calm?

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

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Ivy Fontana 4 and Florence Jenkins 8 on Sunday
Louis Spreckley 8 on Tuesday
Katarina Pekarova 13, Niamh Thorp 7, Amiee Ralph 13 and Katerina Kalaitzidis 10 on Wednesday
Lucy Chard 9 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
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.

MASS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

At Arundel Cathedral
Friday 25th June at 7pm



Join Bishop Richard for a special Cathedral Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. We look forward to meeting engaged couples from across the Diocese and sharing in their joy.
Contact katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk for more information

This Week's Readings

Job 38:1, 8-11, Psalm 106;
2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41
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	
19th/20th June	W1	E. Keun	W1	M.McGarr	W1	C. Bellini
	W2	T Fisi	W2	R Simonetti	W2	P Durrett
	R1	A Waters	R1	M O'Donovan	R1	D McBride
	W1	R Simonetti	W1	A.Tybura	W1	T Gogy
26th/27th June	W2	A Caprano-Wint	W2	A.Tybura	W2	N Langley
	R1	P Dupenois	R1	G Hayter	R1	C.Balko

2021	Saturday 6:00 pm		Sunday 8:30 am		Sunday 10:30 am	
15th/16th May	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
22nd/23rd May	W1	R Simonetti	W1	Rocio	W1	C. Bellini
	W2	A Caprano-Wint	W2	Santiago	W2	D Devaney
	R1	N Pisa	R1	G. Hayter	R1	Daisy McBride
29th/30th May	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
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	J.Close
	R1	M Anderson	R1	N Pisa	R1	
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	Daisy McBride
26th/27th June	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
3rd/4th July	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
10th/11th July	W1	12 NOON	W1	Santiago	W1	C. Bellini
	W2	Fr Tony's Jubilee Mass	W2	Rocio	W2	N Langley
	R1	NO 6PM MASS	R1	G. Hayter	R1	Daisy McBride
17th/18th July	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
24th/25th July	W1	Felix	W1	P Weaver	W1	
	W2	A Grimmer	W2	M.McGarr	W2	
	R1	M.Anderson	R1	G. Hayter	R1	C Balko
31st/1st August	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
07th/08th August	W1	J Cassar	W1		W1	A Stokes
	W2	H Cassar	W2	B Lapham	W2	
	R1	M Anderson	R1	A Lapham	R1	C Stokes
14th/15th August	W1	L & J Laguarda	W1		W1	R. Dodge
	W2		W2		W2	
	R1	A Mcgregor	R1	D Gwyther	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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