

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 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

Mon 28th St Irenaeus
9.30am Aurora Donayre RIP

Tues 29th Ss Peter and Paul
9.30am Karen Gill RIP

Wed 30th **NO MASS**

Thurs 1st Weekday
9.30am Sarah Bishop RIP

Fri 2nd **NO MASS**

Sat 3rd St. Thomas
10am Charles Dupénois RIP

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3rd/4th July

6.0pm Adrian Quinn RIP
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am For the sick and housebound

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,
George Stuart Baxter, Sheila Hanks,
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.

Mary Nugent, Mary Keogh, Marie Walmsley,
Patrick O'Neill, Peter McCoy, Paul Rogers,
Frank Woodcock, Alan Mashman, Bruce MacTavish,
Eddie McAllister, John Caron, Leslie Bacon and
Michael Hall and **Sarah Bishop who died on Wednesday**
May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

As I wrote last weekend, we are going ahead with the celebration of my Golden Jubilee on Saturday July 10th as planned. Inevitably, with the social distancing rules still in force, numbers will be more limited than I had hoped. We are creating as many places as the rules allow. Meanwhile I hope to continue the celebration with you on the following day, Sunday July 11th at both the 8.30 and 10.30 Masses.

There will be a reception after the Saturday Mass in the hall and in the garden behind my house. Here too we must follow the current rules, but we should be able to cope with a reasonable number of people by using both places.

As we announced last weekend, you are invited to book a place for the Mass on July 10th through the parish office. The Mass will be live-streamed for those who wish to take part online. I have a number of friends abroad, many of whom would have loved to be here but cannot in the present circumstances. They will certainly be taking part online. I am very pleased that, thanks to the generosity of Theresa Grogan, this is now possible.

Once again, I ask for your prayers at this very special time for me.

With my love and prayers for each of you,
Fr 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
We will get back to you with asap...

Welcome back Mass and tea, NEW DATE

The new date for the Welcome Back Mass is now Thursday 22nd July at 2.30pm followed by tea and cake in the hall afterwards. We have had to postpone to this new date in line with government guidelines, but the celebration will go ahead this time, so please put it in your diaries!

Please do come and feel part of the community again. If anyone needs a lift to the mass, please call Caroline King, 01372 277140.

A new way to give your weekly offering to St Michael's.

Contactless Giving.

As you are already aware the normal weekly offertory collection has been suspended since the beginning of the Pandemic. Many of you still use your envelopes, have standing orders, use cash in the basket at the end of Mass, which are all gratefully received. But just last week we have installed a **Contactless Payment** method where you just chose the amount to donate, tap and go! That simple. The official launch is this weekend. So, if this is your preferred way to make your weekly offering, please give it a go. There will be someone there to help you, if you need it or just explain how it's helping us to balance the 'books' this year. **Many thanks, The Finance Team.**

From today's Gospel reading:

Jesus said to the woman,
 "Daughter your faith has saved you.
 Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

Reflection:

Jesus' stop to address the woman shows he considered her and her need as important and as pressing as that of the prominent religious leader Jairus. Once again Jesus shows that the marginalized have an important place in his ministry and his invitation to the reign of God.

So, we ask ourselves:

Are there people we think who are more important to Jesus than we are?

Are there people whose voices we tend to ignore because they have a lower place in our society?

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.

New prayer series called 'Praying in the Garden'

The next in the series is on July 1st from 2-3pm in the Prayer Garden at The Dell Centre. It's called 'Come and Garden' but at this time of prayer we will be looking at how we pray using nature and experience the beauty that is all around.....you will have the opportunity to go and look and see the garden close up, pick or plant. The session will be led by Nicky Easton who has created the wild flower garden up at The Dell.....If you would like to come, then please go to sgsgashtead.org.uk/events and book your place.....if you scroll down past the events you will see the calendar and all the future 'Praying in the Garden' series.....The next one after this will be 'Come and Walk' on July 14th from 6-7pm in the prayer garden and churchyard.

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:

Olivia Warburton 4 and Isabelle Koxvold 12 on Sunday
 Toby Oliver Benson 8 on Monday
 Phoebe O'Shea, 12 Allyssa McManus 13 and Alex Brady 12 on Wednesday
 Oisim Boyle 9 and Hayley Lion 10 on Thursday
 Oscar Bell 9, Jack Hall 9 and Ellerie Pierce 6 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.

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

Preaching to the Hearts of Children

Understanding Children and Ways to Reach Them

See page 7 of this newsletter if reading online

This Week's Readings

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; Psalm 29;
 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43

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	
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	G Hayter	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

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	12 NOON Fr Tony's Jubilee Mass NO 6PM MASS	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 Rocío 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.



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
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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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