

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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or to request Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10th/11th July

6.0pm **No Mass**
8.30am In thanksgiving – Fr Tony
10.30am People of the Parish

Mon 12th Weekday
9.30am Theresa Grogan RIP

Tues 13th Weekday
9.30am Austin & Mary Churchill RIP

Wed 14th **NO MASS**

Thurs 15th Weekday
9.30am James & Mary Fitzgerald RIP

Fri 16th Weekday
9.30am Sarah Bishop RIP

Sat 17th Weekday
10am Intentions of Viviane Cassar

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17th/18th July

6.0pm People of the Parish
8.30am Tony & Mary Sreeves RIP
10.30am George Stuart Baxter RIP

All Masses are 'live-streamed' on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLYg

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Frank Harber, Anthony Cleere,
Eileen Rogers, Leonard Anderson,
Michael Hanks, Grace Goldie,
Terence Blackman and Pauline Manning

May they Rest in Peace



Ordination Day 10th
July 1971
50 Years a Priest

My Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter on Tuesday morning looking forward to the celebrations this coming weekend.

I want to say a huge "Thank You" to Alison and Jan in the office for all the hard work in preparation for it all...

The requirements of social distancing, still in force,

have meant careful ordering of places in church and in the Hall afterwards. You will appreciate that this is the only way to welcome as many as possible within the current rules.

I must also thank in advance those who are preparing food etc.

Once again, I ask for your prayers at this important moment in my life.

I am delighted to be able to celebrate it here in Ashted and to welcome family and friends to join us.

Please also remember in your prayers the Holy Father Pope Francis in hospital in Rome recovering from major surgery at the age of 84.

With my love and prayers for each of you,
Fr Tony

Congratulations Fr. Tony and thank you on behalf of the whole Parish, for a lifetime's service to the church.

To be ordained and serve as a priest for 50 years is a wonderful achievement.

We look forward to your Golden Jubilee Celebratory Mass at noon on Saturday. May God bless you.

A good news story!

Two weeks ago was the official unveiling of our Contactless Payments systems. It was a great success, as was the trial the previous weekend.

Lockdown has been dreadful for everyone. One of the side effects for St Michael's was the drop in income. For the first time I can remember, we were forecasting a deficit because outgoings remained stubbornly the same and income no longer matched them.

The numbers of standing orders had stayed steady, despite everything. What we missed was the collections. They dried up entirely when the Church was closed.

When we were allowed to open, the collections started again. It is only now that the numbers attending Mass has started rising again and this is when the Contactless scheme started.

The first week (the trial week) produced £94. Last weekend, the total was £222, so the total for June was £316.

Thank you all for your generosity. Please continuing your standing orders, envelopes in the collection plate, cash and of course using the contactless terminals.

My thanks to Cara, Alison and Dave for the work they put in to get the project up and running.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped after Mass with the terminals.

Lastly and most important a BIG THANK YOU to all the people of the Parish. You are all very generous.

Tom Dore, Chair of Finance

From today's Gospel reading:

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

Reflection:

The sending of apostles did not end when Jesus sent out the Twelve, or on the last pages of the four Gospels. We too have been summoned to advance the reign of God, to act and speak in the spirit of Jesus.

So, we ask ourselves:

Do I think of myself as an "apostle?"

Where and to whom is Jesus sending me now?

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.

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration at Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead, on Saturday 17th July, commencing 12.00, noon. Please see page 4 for details if reading online.

This year, the UK will host the 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow in November. Many of the world's poorest countries are struggling to cope with the effects of climate change such as increased, droughts, floods and cyclones. We need world leaders to put the poorest people at the heart of their talks and the UK has a critical role to play as host. Please sign our petition to the Prime Minister at cafod.org.uk/reclaim. Groups from parishes across our diocese are also meeting their MPs locally, to let them know how strongly we feel as Catholics about protecting our earth and helping our sisters and brothers around the world.

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 5 of this newsletter if reading online

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Imogen Brookes 7 and Benjamin Cleasby 9 on Sunday
Sadie Lacey 10 on Monday
Leo Reynolds 7 on Tuesday
Hannah Tribick 12 on Wednesday
Zoe Moss 12 and Lily Walker 10 on Thursday
Alana & Eva Grimmer 8 and Emily Brock 4 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.

100 Club This month's lucky numbers belong to Maureen Anderson and John Murphy.

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

Christian Aid Week 2021

Ashtead Churches together raised £10,277.91 (of this £4,695 was raised via the internet)
We think this is a magnificent total given the covid restrictions etc

This Week's Readings

Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 84;
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13
You can see these readings at:
<https://www.universalis.com/20210711/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	
10th/11th July	12 NOON Fr Tony's Jubilee		W1	Santiago	W1	C. Bellini
			W2	Rocío	W2	N Langley
			R1	G Hayter	R1	D 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

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	Rocío	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		12 NOON Fr Tony's Jubilee Mass NO 6PM MASS	W1	Santiago	W1	C. Bellini
			W2	Rocío	W2	N Langley
			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	

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND CONSECRATION



Click here to book your free place.

If you would like to confirm your place and book in person or would like further information, please contact:

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Saturday 17th July 2021

**Church of Our Lady of
Consolation & St Francis**
West Grinstead RH13 8LT

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| 12.00 | Holy Mass
Celebrant Canon Tim Madeley
Followed by personal
consecration to Our Lady |
| 1.00 | Lunch break (please bring
packed lunch) |
| 2.00 | The Joyful Mysteries of the
Holy Rosary |
| 2.30 | Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament |
| 3.00 | Chaplet of Divine Mercy -
Adoration and Silent Prayer |
| 3.30 | Benediction |
| 4.15 | Departure |

There will be opportunities for Confession in the afternoon. Those unable to attend in person are welcome to join us in prayer wherever they are.



“Be still and know that I am God”

Psalm 46:10

An experimental hybrid retreat where
you are invited to come to Worth or join
the retreat online

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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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