

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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or to request Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

Mon 19th Weekday
10.30am Clare Derry RIP

Tues 20th **NO MASS**

Wed 21st **NO MASS**

Thurs 22nd Welcome back Mass
2.30 pm People of the Parish

Fri 23rd Weekday
1.15 pm Funeral Mass for Sarah Bishop

Sat 24th Weekday
10am Aurora Donayre RIP

The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24th/25th July

6.0pm John Bomford
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am For all Grandparents

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, 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.

Suzanne Bell, Paul Cunningham, Vera Taylor,
Carmen Hardwick, Maureen Desvaux, Michael Gibney,
Eileen Shepherd, Margaret Martin, Anne Ormiston,
Rose Pope, Beatriz Close, Robert Evans,
Bernard Lunney, Jean Zwolinski,
Angelino de Almeida and Mary Murphy
May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

My letter this week must be a very sincere thank you for a wonderful celebration last weekend to mark my Golden Jubilee of ordination. So many people worked so hard to make it possible. It has been very difficult to plan ahead this year because of the uncertainty of the Covid situation, but we were determined to do as much as was possible within the limits created by the Government rules and regulations. None of it would have been possible without the generosity of many different groups and individuals.

Alison and Jan worked to provide as many places as possible, both in the church and the hall. The need for social distancing made that quite a challenge. I am very grateful to them and to all who helped to provide the food in the hall and set it all up for us.

In the church Emma and the musicians made a wonderful contribution to the Liturgy. My family and friends from elsewhere were tremendously impressed by the music. I was pleased that our altar servers, all quite new apart from Matthew, were so confident and reverent. It is now possible to involve them more fully than we could during these past 16 months,

You will all agree that the flowers were really beautiful. These ladies are so gifted and so generous with their time. They work quietly behind the scenes, as do our sacristy team of Pauline and Maria, and the people, men and women, who keep the Church clean throughout the year. Thank you to all who contributed in any way and thank you for so many generous gifts along with the presentation on Sunday.

With my love and prayers for each of you,

Fr. Tony



TUESDAY, 13TH JULY 2021

Dear Fr. Tony

What a wonderful and memorable day it was last SATURDAY, 10TH JULY - the beautiful Mass attended by so many, the marvellous choir, followed by the magnificent spread in the Hall afterwards. We were on Table 4 - it was great to meet up with Nigel again, and to meet Martin, Richard and Dominic. We must say your church (the parishioners) have that wonderful community spirit - everyone joined in. Each had something to do (happily and enthusiastically).

Special thanks for your wonderful stewards who did an amazing job - welcoming us and guiding us to our seats and cleaning the Church and the Hall afterwards.

Not forgetting Deacon David - our special thanks to dear David who was able to give us a lift to Ashted railway station. Thank you again for such a wonderful day. Let's hope you will be able to visit Bexhill soon and then we can all get together for a meal.

With all our love and God bless you today and every day,
FR. RAJESH, VERA, BARRIE WRIGHT and SALLY

From today's Gospel reading:

"When Jesus disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things."

Reflection:

Modern life, with all its conveniences and bounty for many of us, is also a desert for countless others. We are the Shepherd's representatives in our world. Look around: who are the lost, bewildered, hungry and ignorant? How are we sent to feed and guide them? It is what Jesus has done for us and what we are now charged to do for others.

So, we ask ourselves:

As I survey the world surrounding me who are the people that move me with compassion?

How is the Spirit of God calling me to respond to them?

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Liam Barrett 12, Daniel & Isabelle Gogy 12, Janet Oluwabusola 13 and Arthur Richards 2 on Sunday
Callum Joubert 4 on Monday
Felix Grimmer 10 on Tuesday
Mia Pardesi 1 on Wednesday
Isla Little 10 and Harvey Richards 4 on Thursday
Aaron Varghese 9 and Aimee Ralph 13 on Friday

Welcome back Mass and tea, Thursday 22nd July 2.30pm

The Welcome Back Mass is on 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.

**NEW Colour and Shape website launch!
Mass resources for families.**

Colour and Shape developed over the pandemic providing a weekly video liturgy for families to use at home during lockdown. This video – Connect Sunday – has now changed into a new shorter format, along with a set of accompanying resources on a brand new website. Head over to www.colourandshapeonline.com to check out the resources reflecting on the Sunday Gospel each week, plus links to Spotify playlists, ideas on how to pray together as a family, and information on how to join the online community supporting families

Contactless payments –

If you wish to contribute to our weekly offertory collection but don't have any cash, no problem, you can use our new and shiny contactless machines in the porch. It's automatically gift aided under our GASDS (Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme). Just use your card, chose an amount, tap and go...many thanks.

Day for Catechists Saturday 25 September, Worth Abbey. A gathering of Catechists from around the Diocese, to share our experiences and offer support and resources. The day ends with mass with Bishop Richard. To book contact ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk

This Week's Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 22;
Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34
You can see these readings at:
<https://www.universalis.com/20210718/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	
17th/18th July	W1	E Kuen	W1	D Warnock	W1	D Devaney
	W2		W2	M. Pattinson	W2	D Reynolds
	R1	D Gwyther	R1	N Pisa	R1	J Close
24th/25th July	W1	Felix Grimmer	W1	P Weaver	W1	
	W2	A Grimmer	W2	M McGarr	W2	
	R1	M Anderson	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		12 NOON Fr Tony's Jubilee Mass NO 6PM MASS	W1	Santiago	W1	C. Bellini
			W2	Rocio	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	D Gwyther	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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August 2021

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worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats

Enquiries: toc@worth.org.uk

Take action to stop the climate crisis!

**reclaim
our common
home**

This year, the eyes of the world will be on Britain as we host world leaders for the UN 'COP26' climate talks.

Call on the Prime Minister to use this historic opportunity to protect our common home.

"...Climate change is a global problem with serious implications... It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day." *POPE FRANCIS*

Sign our petition now

Scan the QR code or go to cafod.org.uk/reclaim



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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.