

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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or to request Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time –7th/8th August

6.0pm Maureen Andrews RIP
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Intentions of Janet McCormack

Mon 9th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
9.30am Intentions of Bruna Dipre

Tues 10th St Lawrence
9.30 am Robert Dore RIP

Wed 11th **NO MASS**

Thurs 12th **NO MASS**

Fri 13th The Transfiguration of the Lord
9.30am Enzo Sebastiani RIP

Sat 14th St Maximilian Mary Kolbe
10am Rosemary Nixon RIP
11.30am The burial of ashes of Raymond Vaudrey

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary–14th/15th August

6.0pm Remo Dipre RIP
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Danuta Hiley RIP

All Masses are 'live-streamed' on YouTube 
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLYg

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Janet McCormack, Jean Wheeler, Doreen Peters, Francesco
Pisa, Shirley Pattinson, Shaun Wallace, Simon Warren,
Mavis Bazeley, Philip MacDonald, Margaret McArdle,
Peggy Brogan, Sheila Hanks, Pauline Hooper,
Elizabeth Samson, 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.

Molly Andrews, Sophie Anne Baker, Robert Dore,
Edward Brown, Jock Goldie, Maureen Dicker,
Luba Catterall, Margaret Cutting, Hilda Van Hoof,
Jeremiah Lynch, Sr Elizabeth Fitzgerald and
Alison Davis
May they Rest in Peace

The Bishop's letter will replace Fr Tony's weekly letter as Fr Tony is taking a break from writing until September.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Following last week's Gospel, the Feeding of the Five Thousand – John records Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life, given in Capernaum. The Gospels of the coming Sunday's take us through this wonderful discourse. It begins with Jesus challenging the motive of the people who follow him – not for signs and preaching, but free bread.

He very quickly takes them from this position of a rather mixed motive, calling forth from them an expression of the desire for 'the true bread'. At this stage in the discourse, this is the bread of being in Jesus' presence and the faith that quenches thirst. This is the beginning of discipleship – the desire to be with the Lord and the openness to the gift of faith.

We might, then, look at our own motives in following Christ. Is our following a matter of habit or some kind of 'insurance policy' – rather like the thought of a 'free bread supply' that we see at the beginning of this text? Surely it must be something so much more – the desire to be in His presence, to know that, in faith, we can trust in Him – thereby quenching the thirst of our questions, doubts and anxieties. Like Mary of Bethany, we must begin with what Jesus calls "the better part" – time spent with Him.

This is the beginning of the journey. Let us make a new beginning, allowing ourselves to be with the Lord, listening to His every word for, as He did with those who listened to Him in Capernaum – He will call us to new levels of understanding, to a renewed love of Him who is the bread of life.

With every Blessing
+ Richard

Here at St Michael's, like many indoor settings we will continue to:

- Wear face masks to be respectful of one another, but it is not compulsory
- Ventilate buildings
- Keep social distancing - one metre apart where possible
- Have hand sanitiser available
- Have cleaning sprays and tissues to disinfect our used space
- Use 'track and trace' to identify anyone who needs to self-isolate
- Implement the one-way system for receiving Holy Communion

Beginning Experience Weekend:

October 8th – 10th, Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For those who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or bereavement.

Beginning Experience is a weekend programme to help you move from the darkness of your grief into the light of a new beginning. More details at besouthofengland@gmail.com
(see page 6 of this newsletter if reading online for more information)

From today's 1 Kings reading:

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O Lord!"

Reflection:

God has not left us hungering and lost in one desert or another, but has come to nourish us, stay with us and with our human family. In Jesus our life has purpose and hope. We trust that God will not let us down, even when we want to cry out, as Elijah did, "This is enough, O Lord!"

So, we ask ourselves:

What part of life feels strained and testing these days?
How is God feeding your hunger and fatigue these days?



MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Saturday 9 Oct 11.30am - 2.30pm

St Joseph's Church
Guildford GU1 4AZ

Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass at St Joseph's at 11.30am, followed by a small reception - with family and friends very welcome.

Ignatian Staycation

The Spiritual Formation Team are inviting you to four Wednesday evenings of Ignatian Meditation on the following gospel passages:

August 11th at 7pm Peter walks towards Jesus across the water

August 18th at 7pm The Anointing of Jesus feet

August 25th at 7pm The Woman at the well

You may like to circulate details of our 'Ignatian Staycation' to those on your mailing list. Please emphasize that there is no compulsion to attend all four sessions and no need to sign up in advance, just click on the Zoom link on the evening. All are welcome,

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Vocations

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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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Charlie Heden 12 and James Greene 9 on Sunday

Ciaran Watkins 9 on Monday

Kathryn Knopp 11, Penelope Lawrence 5 and Phoebe McLean 7 on Tuesday

Fredrick Sayers 8 on Wednesday

Jocelyn & Sophie Busby 12 and Rupert Frearson 6 on Friday

Kacey Frost 11 and Ethan Da Costa 9 on Saturday

The Diocese and St John's Seminary, Womersley are delighted to offer a retreat in October exploring spiritual direction and spiritual traditions.

As the experience of Weeks of Guided Prayer spreads across the Diocese, there is a growing need for people to discern if they are being called to train as Spiritual Directors, or Accompaniers. This retreat, led by Canon Luke Smith, Spiritual Director at the Seminary, studies the nature of this vocation, explores the Benedictine, Cistercian, Franciscan, Ignatian and Carmelite traditions and offers the opportunity to be on retreat in the beautiful setting of St John's Seminary before its closure.

Residential and non-residential options are possible. The retreat will run Monday evening 11 October, to lunchtime on Thursday 14 October. The cost for this retreat will be shared in due course. For more information or to register your interest, please contact our Formation Team Spirituality Adviser.

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 25th 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

1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 33;
Ephesians 4:30—5:2; John 6:41-51

You can see these readings at:

<https://www.universalis.com/20210808/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_vtZLY

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	
7th/8th 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	

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 D Gwyther	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
7th/8th 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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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

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is a weekend programme
to help you to move
from the darkness of your grief
into the light of a new beginning
and to help you to face the future
with renewed hope.

The next South of England weekend
is from 8th to 10th October 2021
at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex.

If you are interested
or would like more information
please contact

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Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programme 2021

Next Baptism Course

Tuesday 14th September 2021 in St Michael's Church 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.