

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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The Parish and Fr Tony's Internet/phone lines are now working. We live-streamed our first Mass in 6 weeks this morning!

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Hall wi-fi: Netgear41 (password) grandcomet148

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th/17th October

6.00pm David Edwards RIP

8.30am Janet & Victor Abraham RIP

10.30am People of the Parish

Mon 18 St. Luke

9.30am George Amos RIP

Tues 19 Weekday

9.30am Albinka Saravanja RIP

followed by the burial of ashes

Wed 20 **NO MASS**

Thurs 21 **NO MASS**

Fri 22 **NO MASS**

Sat 23 Weekday


10am Edward Devlin RIP and Devlin Family
immediately followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15-5.45pm

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd/24th October

6.00pm Mary Marshall RIP

8.30am Ricky Byrne RIP

10.30am People of the Parish

All Masses are 'live-streamed' on YouTube 

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Alan Kelly, Bob Adams, Doreen Peters,
Francesco Pisa, Shaun Wallace, Simon Warren,
Mavis Bazeley, Philip MacDonald, Margaret McArdle,
Peggy Brogan, Sheila Hanks, Pauline Hooper,
Bill Danson, Jean Rawlinson,
Margaret Beeby, Anne Burman, Alfredo Sheffield,
Nina Grant, Barbara Long, Johanna Rainsbury,
Stephen Sullivan, Rachel Fulton and Michael Machese

Please pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Salma Jura, Daphne Dunnell, Karol Colonna Czosnowski,
Margaret Leonard, Amelia Mary Quintin
Audrey Wrigley, Ann Haynes, Bernard Quinlan,
Michael Montague and Eileen McCabe

May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

People have asked me about the "synodal process" described by Bishop Richard in his recent pastoral letter. It is fair to say that this has been rather "sprung upon us" without much warning.

I understand that Bishops of England and Wales have recognised that the time scale is quite impractical. The document from Rome is a good example of how not to communicate. The ideas are interesting when you can penetrate the language.

The Cardinal has tried boil it down to three main issues. I hope that we shall get some clearer information shortly. The central idea is clear enough in that the Pope sees the need for the Church to change radically the way it works. He is concerned that at every level there should be real dialogue, which means attentive listening to each other, open to what the Holy Spirit is saying to each of us, and not just trying to win a debate or a vote. The ideal is one thing but how to achieve it is quite another.

This means that the "synodal process" is not a "consultation" about specific issues leading to a vote among the bishops at the Rome Synod meeting in the autumn of 2023. Rather it is an invitation to think carefully and listen attentively to each other about the whole process of decision making in the Church.

This at least is my understanding of what it is all about. It is a very imaginative idea but it will take a long time for a worldwide church to achieve what is intended. When we have more information we can look at how we can best get involved.

With my love and prayers for each of you
Fr Tony

Parish Internet/Phones/Livestreaming/Contactless giving—

On Monday this week Openreach/BT thankfully restored our connections after 6 *long* weeks, both for Fr Tony and the Parish Office. Thank you for your patience if you have not been able to get through/make contact etc; we will do our best to get through the backlog of enquiries etc; so please now be patient with us! *The Parish Office.*

Bereavement Mass and Blessing of the Garden of

Remembrance will take place on Saturday 6th November at 10am Mass, followed by tea, coffee and cake in the Porch.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for **Missio**, his charity for World Mission. Please support **Missio** in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people.

St Michael's Ashtead Community Café

Andy and Kay McGregor are keen to launch a midweek café that serves the parish community. More details will be given at the end of all Masses next weekend, the 23rd /24th October whereby the parish community will have the opportunity to feed back their views/ ideas on a brief questionnaire.

From today's Gospel reading:

Jesus said to his disciples,
"Whoever wishes to be great among you,
will be your servant;
whoever wishes to be the first among you
will be the slave of all."

Reflection:

Being a disciple is not about power and prestige. It's not about the first places at table. It's about following Jesus' path of service, even if it means suffering and death. That's a difficult teaching, no wonder the disciples were deaf to it. In the Lord's Prayer we ask for "daily bread," to sustain us in our life of service in Jesus' name.

So, we ask ourselves:

In what way does following Jesus require me to be a servant?
Where do I receive strength for that role?

The Repository is the small shop in the Porch next to the coffee area where you can buy cards, Christmas cards, advent candles, FHC gifts etc. Tala Gogy has very kindly offered to run the shop and the rota. It would be lovely to have a few more helpers so the shop could be open at all Masses. If you are interested email Tala tbaraya@googlemail.com

Weekly collection. If you would like to make your weekly collection by Bank transfer, or for any other payment ie Mass intentions, see details below.
St Michael's Bank Account details.
HSBC Bank—RCD A&B St Michael, Ashtead
Account no. 21076248

Christmas Hampers (See page 3 in online)
Besom in Ashtead want to bring God's message of love to those in need this Christmas through the giving of Hampers. Your gifts bring so much joy to those that receive them.
A hamper can be for a single person, couple or family. For full details please contact Lynne Slater by email on lyne.slater@btconnect.com
James Close will speak briefly after 6pm & 10.30am Mass this weekend explaining exactly what's needed.

Ashtead Choral Society invites you to **Come and Sing ELIJAH** on Saturday 30th October 10am-5pm at St George's Christian Centre, Barnett Wood Lane. £15 per person, £7.50 under 25s – includes music hire and light refreshment – bring your own packed lunch. Please book your place in advance at boxoffice@ashteadchoralsociety.org.uk or phone 07835 115716

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Samuel Bailey 6 on Monday
Riley Jewell 9 on Wednesday
Rosanna Eden 6 and Iliana Nicholls 1 on Thursday
Tabitha Finch 9 on Friday
Isla Pidgeon and Elise Coleman 8 ,Oliver Fair 6, Alexandra Shiels 8 and Joshua Amos 6 on Saturday

The Next Baptism Course will be on Tuesday 2nd November at 7pm in the Church. Please email the office for more details.
smichaeloffice@gmail.com

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM NEEDS YOU!

We are looking to start Children's Liturgy again. We would very much like to run sessions for both age groups every week, as was the case prior to the pandemic, but we are now a much reduced team of 3. We are therefore looking for new volunteers to join us.
No experience is needed just your time once a month or less (depending on numbers) to talk to the children about the week's Gospel and perhaps organise a game or activity to help the children think about and understand its meaning.

If you would like to find out more or join the team please contact Marie at mtnewman3109@outlook.com or 07872317770.
Perhaps you have lots of ideas or suggestions you could bring to the team!



Please pick up a copy of **The Trumpet** (our parish magazine) in the Porch, suggested donation £1 (bargain!)

This Week's Readings

Isaiah 53:10-11 ; Psalm 32;
Hebrews 4:14-16 ; Mark 10:35-45

You can see these readings at:
<https://www.universalis.com/20211017/mass.htm>

Parish Communications

Visit St. Michael's Parish website 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_ytZLYg/

You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to
newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk

Welcomers/Readers Rota

Weekend	6pm	8.30am	10.30am
16th/17th October	W1 Denise Devaney	W1 Rocio	W1 Marina Channing Pearce
	W2 Lorraine Taylor	W2 Santiago	W2 Tala Gogy
	R1 David Gwyther	R1 Martin O'Donovan	R1 James Close
23rd/24th October	W1 Lisa Laguarda	W1 P Weaver	W1 Armi Stokes
	W2 L Baldwin	W2 M McGarr	W2 Tala Gogy
	R1 Andy McGregor	R1 N Pisa	R1 C Balko



Christmas Hampers

Bringing God's message of love and provision to those in need.

Would you like to provide a hamper for people in need in the local area? Your gifts bring so much joy to those that receive them.

Ideas for your hamper

Use a cardboard box decorated with Christmas paper, a plastic crate or a wicker basket.

★ Food

It is lovely if the items are 'special' rather than 'value' everyday items. Please do not include alcohol, perishables, nuts or home-made items.

Cakes / Biscuits / Chocolates / sweets
Honey / jam / marmalade
Tea / coffee / hot chocolate / Fruit Juice
Cereals
Cranberry Sauce
Pasta / sauce
Soup

★ Cash donations

Will be used to buy gifts or
Supermarket Gift cards.

★ General gifts

Body wash / shampoo / Body lotions
Razors & shaving foam
Socks / slipper socks
Hat / scarf /gloves
Colouring pens / soft toy
Hot water bottle
Christmas tree / decorations
Crackers /Napkins /Tablecloth

★ Gifts for a specific family

Besom can give you the Christian names and ages of a family so you can tailor your gifts just for them.

Hamper drop off point

For the Besom team to deliver the hampers in time for Christmas please could you drop your hamper at The Dell Centre, St Giles Church Drive. Ashtead. KT21 1EJ

Monday 29th Nov Between 9am – 12 noon.

Tuesday 30th Nov Between 1pm and 4pm

Contact

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The Lord has anointed me
To proclaim good news to the poor.
Isaiah 61:1

For more details about the work of
Besom please visit our website
www.besominashtead.com