

# ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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## Fourth Sunday of Advent —18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> December

6.00pm Intentions of Michael O'Hare  
8.30am People of the Parish  
10.30am Mark Cecil and Nelly Marie Nicholson RIP

**Mon 20** Weekday

9.30am Theresa Connor RIP

**Tues 21** Weekday

9.30am Intentions of Mr & Mrs Howard Park

**Wed 22** NO MASS

**Thurs 23** Weekday

9.30am Pauline Amos RIP

**Friday 24th December - Christmas Eve** (*this Mass is now fully booked*)

**3pm— First Mass of Christmas—**

Janet McCormack RIP

**9pm— 'Midnight Mass' - Vigil Mass of the Nativity**

People of the Parish

## The Nativity of the Lord

**Saturday 25th December**

**9.30am—Christmas Day Mass—**Fr Tony's Intentions

**Sunday—26th December—The Holy Family**

**9.30am—Family Mass—**Louise De Almeida RIP

**Mon 27** St John, Apostle and Evangelist

9.30am Theresa Grogan RIP

**Tues 28** The Holy Innocents

9.30am Remo Dipre RIP

**Wed 29** NO MASS

**Thurs 30** Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

9.30am Mary O'Dowd RIP

**Fri 31** Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

9.30am Patrick Donelan RIP

Sat 1 Mary Mother of God


**10am** Michael & Esther Roche RIP

## Second Sunday of Christmas —1st/2nd January

6.00pm Charles Dupenois RIP

8.30am People of the Parish

10.30am Clare De Maria RIP

All Masses are 'live-streamed' on YouTube 

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3\\_ytZLYg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLYg)



My Dear Friends,

I want to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support during the past year. I am not going to make a list because there are so many people who have done so much to "keep the show on the road". Much is done quietly and without fuss. Despite Covid, we have been able to do quite a lot. It has been good to see so many new parishioners and young families at Mass.

Many of the children who were due to receive their First Holy Communion this year have now completed the course and will be making their Communion in the next few weeks. In January we hope to start with the next group. Other Parish activities have resumed, and I am hoping that more will return in the New Year.

I have written in the Christmas 'Trumpet' about the need for more people to come forward and volunteer for various activities in the parish. We were all set to carry out the census in September but were unable to get started because we were without the phone or the internet for several weeks. I hope that we can start it early in the New Year. This should be a big help in planning ahead. I hope that it will reveal hidden talents among you, talents that can help us to develop the life of the Parish.

I hope that we can all enjoy a peaceful and happy Christmas. May God bless all of you in the coming year.

Fr Tony

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Vivienne Kelleher, Terry Grogan,  
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,  
Stephen Sullivan, Rachel Fulton and Michael Machese

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

Fr Bernard McGrath, Thomas Dowd, Frank McCaffry,  
Judi Stevens, Karl Hickey, Karen Suwalski, Michael Roche,  
William Torpey, Agnes Woods, Bernard Bright, Edna Warnock,  
Mary Cahill, Patricia Dante and Tadeus Sherlonjak

May they Rest in Peace

### Christmas Trumpet 2021

Please pick up a copy of the Christmas Trumpet,  
suggested donation £1



**From the Book of the Prophet Micah:**

"He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock...  
for now, his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth;  
He shall be peace."



**Reflection:**

Through the prophet Micah God's promise has come true in Jesus, "He shall be peace." Our faith in Jesus is expressed by our determination to act as "ambassadors" of the peace the Promised One has brought.

**So, we ask ourselves:**

- How can I be an "ambassador of peace" in Jesus' name?
- here and to whom do I need to speak words of forgiveness;
- ◆ be an agent of reconciliation between hostile parties;
- ◆ speak calmly while others are shouting;
- ◆ act justly when the voiceless are being taken advantage of?

**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal](http://cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal) and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Ava Atkins 6 on Monday  
Imogen Langley 12 on Wednesday  
Alexandra Shiels Sarawan 8 on Thursday

100 club winners for November were Alan Kelly and David & Barbara Hiley

**The Meeting Room Christmas Lunch – at Fetcham Village Hall on Christmas Day.**

Founded by the much-missed Graham Peddie, the Meeting Room Christmas Lunch hosts clients and friends of the charity who for many reasons would otherwise be on their own or without means to enjoy a proper Christmas lunch and happy afternoon. They rely on the generosity of our local Churches to make this happen. If you are able to help in any way email the [meetingroom123@gmail.com](mailto:meetingroom123@gmail.com) or call 07413 978422 they will explain more about what they need and how to get it to them.

**This Week's Readings**

Micah 5:1-4a ; Psalm 79  
Hebrews 10:5-10 ; Luke 1:39-45

You can see these readings at:  
<https://www.universalis.com/20211219/mass.htm>

**Parish Communications**

Visit St. Michael's Parish website [www.stmichaelashtead.org.uk/](http://www.stmichaelashtead.org.uk/)

Face Book Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/289562958175720>

YouTube Channel (live streaming of Masses)

*You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to [newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk)*

**Crib Collection 2021** will go to the Catholic Children's Society's Arundel and Brighton Fund. Every penny donated will be ring fenced and used to provide direct support to local children and families. See Gift Aid envelopes in the Porch or by the Crib.

**Welcomers/Readers Rota**

		3pm			9pm	
18th/19th December	W1	Denise Devaney	W1		W1	Cristiana Benini
	W2	L Baldwin	W2	Matt Pattinson	W2	Marina Channing Pearce
	R1	Maureen Anderson	R1	Martin O'Donovan	R1	James Close
Friday 24th December 3pm and 9pm	W1	Nicola Langley				Cristiana Benini
	W2	Kathryn Casson				
	W3	Antonietta Caprano-Wint				
	W4	Denise Devaney				
	R1	Nick Pisa (reserves Simon Williams; Cara Macey)				Philippa Dupenois (reserve Maureen Anderson)
<b>9.30am</b>						
Saturday 25th December 9.30am	W1	Margaret McGarr				
	W2					
	R1	Polly Ribet (reserve David Gwyther)				
<b>9.30am</b>						
Sunday 26th December 9.30am	W1	Marina Channing Pearce				
	W2	Roberto Simonetti				
	R1	Jacqui Shabankareh (reserve Philippa Dupenois)				

## Newsletter extras

**Parish Accounts**—every week we used to publish what had been given in the collection the previous weekend. Including totals for retiring collections. Since covid restrictions and various lockdowns the collections have either not happened or been very low. Now we think is the right time to publish the collections again, but on a monthly basis. So the totals will include money received from Standing Orders, loose money in the baskets, planned giving envelopes and Contactless.

**November 2021**—standing orders— average £3614.00

Loose cash and envelopes—£1851.47

Contactless—£996, making a grand total of £6461.47

**There are brand new GiftAid forms available in the Porch**

**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 Ashted

Account no. 21076248 Sort code 40-05-20

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**Covid and climate change** are leading many to ask questions about life and faith. **The Alpha course** on Monday evenings from January 17<sup>th</sup> is an open and friendly space to ask those questions, explore the meaning of life and connect with others. Alpha is for everyone, whether you go to church never, rarely, sometimes or always, you are very welcome. Come along and bring a friend! Email [alpha@olchurch.org.uk](mailto:alpha@olchurch.org.uk) to find out more.

# ST MICHAEL'S COFFEE MORNING

Join us for **coffee and chats** with the  
community.

All are **welcome** - young and not so young,  
and you can bring a friend along!



Every Wednesday morning in the Church Hall

**10am - 12.30pm**  
Starting 12th January

# Coffee morning Questionnaire

1.The Coffee morning would be open **Wednesday 10am to 12 in the church hall**. Would you be interested in attending ?

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2.Would you be interested in volunteering to help out occasionally? Please circle your response –  
Yes No

3.What would you like to see the coffee morning offering in terms of drinks and food?

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4.Would you like a choice of activities to be provided during the coffee morning eg. Cards/board games / children's toys? Please specify

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5.Are community events and therefore a sense of parish community important to you?

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6.Would you support the establishment of a parish social club and if so what activities would you like to see being organised over the course of the year ?

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**If your answer to question 2 is yes please give your contact details below-**

**Name-**

**Mobile number-**

**Landline number-**

**Email-**

**Many thanks for completing the questionnaire and please return to the box in the church porch marked St. Michaels coffee morning returned questionnaires by Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Alternatively please send your responses to the following email address-**

**[andymcgregor59@gmail.com](mailto:andymcgregor59@gmail.com)**