

# ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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Please ring Fr Tony on his number above in an emergency or to request Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

6.00pm Charles Dupenois RIP

8.30am People of the Parish

10.30am Clare De Maria RIP

### **Mon 3 Feria in Christmastide**

9.30am Jeanne Agius RIP

### **Tues 4 Feria in Christmastide**

9.30am John Fulton RIP

### **Wed 5 NO MASS**

### **Thurs 6 Epiphany of the Lord**

9.30am People of the Parish

### **Fri 7 Friday after Epiphany**

9.30am Deceased & Living relatives of the Dipre family

### **Sat 8 Saturday after Epiphany**

10am Intentions of Bob Adams

## The Baptism of the Lord – 8th/9th January

6.00pm Intentions of Bernadette Griffin

8.30am Mary O'Dowd RIP

10.30am People of the Parish

All Masses are 'live-streamed' on YouTube 

### **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.**

Christopher Mildner, Louise De Almedia, James Fitzgerald, Philip Lacey,  
James Peevey, Jean McCarthy, Maureen Smith, Margaret Denis,  
Margaret Aiken, Anna Pantone, Nora Clinnick, Mary Hancock,  
Madeleine Alder, Patricia Dobbe, Doreen O'Brian, Loraine Sheehan,  
John Fulton, John Earl, Emily Traboulsi

My Dear Friends,

As we enter another New Year we need to look forward and prepare for the future. There is, perhaps inevitably, a great deal of depression around at the moment. Anxiety about COVID 19 is entirely natural, and many people are living in fear of its consequences, both in our families and in the wider community. As Christians we share these concerns as much as anyone else, but we must not allow ourselves to be ruled by fear.

The speaker at a recent Men's Breakfast spoke to us about the negative impact of the Covid restrictions on all our lives. He was not discussing the rights and wrongs of the restrictions but their practical effects.

In a striking phrase he said,

"We have become so frightened of dying that we have stopped living."

Jesus came that we "might have life, and have it to the full".

A 2nd century writer, St Irenaeus wrote:

"The Glory of God is the human person fully alive".

Our task as disciples of Jesus is to believe that and to live it.

I am not suggesting that we should be indifferent to the risks and dangers to our health. Indeed we have a Christian duty to care for our health and the health of others, but at the same time we must not be governed by fear.

At the beginning of 2022 I hope that we can look forward with hope, having learned the lessons of these past two years. We need to work together to build a more humane and caring community in our society.

We are not alone in this, but our Christian hope must inspire us to work with others to make a real difference. Much to think about and much to pray about.

With my love and prayers for each of you

Fr Tony

**Our next Food Bank collection will be on the weekend of the 8 & 9th January 2022**

Toilet Rolls  
UHT Milk - Full Fat And Semi Skimmed  
Longlife Fruit Juice  
Instant Mash  
Tinned Meat Pies  
Custard  
Long Life Sponge Puddings  
Breakfast Cereal (Not Porridge, we have lots)  
Brown Sauce  
Sanitary Pads  
Household Cleaning Products  
Adult Toothpaste  
Shampoo And Conditioner  
Nappies Size 3  
Dog And Cat Food  
Bags For Life

You can find more details at <https://www.givefood.org.uk/needs/at/epsom-and-ewell/>

### **Christmas Trumpet 2021**

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



**For the Epiphany**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,  
in the days of King Herod,  
behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

**Reflection:**

Where are we looking for Jesus today? Even if we had no other gospel story than this one, we should know where to look: among the newcomers and displaced; among the new born poor and their families; among those who have no roots and are searching; among those pushed around by an uncaring system of laws and decrees.

**So we ask ourselves:**

Would I describe myself as one of the modern-day magi, a searcher for God?



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

**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.

**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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Joseph Barnes 11, Gabriella Davies 5, Charles Kuen 4  
Alice Hilliard 3, all on Tuesday 4th January

**The first St Michael's Soup Lunch for 2022** will be held on Friday 7 January. A selection of homemade soups, bread, deserts and tea/ coffee, all for £5, will be served in the Church Hall, between 12 noon and 1.30 pm. All money collected goes to our charities CAFOD, The Princess Alice Hospice and Besom. Everyone is welcome; invite your family friends and neighbours to enjoy St Michael's award winning hospitality. And bring your loose change to spend on our homemade stall!

Rev Richard Jones, Rev Andrew Scott and Fr Tony have called for a **Service of Christian Unity to be held at St George's at 08.00pm on Thursday 20th January 2022**. God Willing, this will proceed as planned and we will all be able to attend in person for our import annual gathering of combined Worship and Fellowship. Worldwide, Christian Unity Week runs from Tuesday 18th January to Tuesday 25th January 2022.



**This Week's Readings**

Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12 Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18  
Psalm 147 & John 1:1-18

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)**

**Welcomers/Readers Rota**

	Saturday 6pm		Sunday 8.30am		Sunday 10.30am	
1st/2nd January	W1	G Ilepi	W1	D Warnock	W1	Marina Channing Pearce
	W2	L Baldwin	W2	Matt Pattinson	W2	Cristiana Benini
	R1	D Gwyther	R1	G Hayter	R1	B Kanizaro
8th/9th January	W1	L Taylor	W1	P Weaver	W1	Angelika Tybura
	W2	G Ilepi	W2	M McGarr	W2	Amanda Tybura
	R1	A McGregor	R1	S Williams	R1	C Balko

## 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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# 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)**