



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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17th May 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Year A

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 16th/17th MAY

SAT 16 **Saturday after the 6th Sunday of Easter**
10am Maria Zélia Gomes RIP—followed by
 the burial of her ashes

SUN 17 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
8:30am People of the Parish
10:30am James and Mary Fitzgerald RIP

MON 18 **Monday after the 7th Sunday of Easter**
10am No Mass

TUE 19 **Tuesday after the 7th Sunday of Easter**
10am Colette Totman RIP

WED 20 **Wednesday after the 7th Sunday of Easter**
 No Mass

THU 21 **Thursday after the 7th Sunday of Easter**
 No Mass

FRI 22 **Friday after the 7th Sunday of Easter**
12pm Requiem Mass for Sheila Hanks RIP

SAT 23 **Saturday after the 7th Sunday of Easter**
10am No Mass

SUN 24 **Pentecost**
8:30am Maria Zelia Gomes RIP
10:30am People of the Parish

Adoration: Friday, 5pm-6pm
Reconciliation: Friday, 5pm-6pm; Saturday, after 10am
 Mass or by appointment

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Mass Book p.275)

Psalm 27 *I believe I shall see the Lord's
goodness in the land of the living.*



Finance Matters

Over the next few weeks there will be a display in the Church narthex showing you the different ways in which you can make a financial contribution to St Michael's so that we can continue to make this Church a warm, welcoming and safe place to worship with our friends, families and all who come through our doors.

Everything we do here in this Parish - including the celebration of Mass, sacramental preparation, work with children and youth and their families, visiting the sick and housebound, our courses and so much more - is made possible by your prayers, serving and giving; we couldn't do it without you. Thank you! Financially, we really appreciate your weekly giving at Mass, but donating a regular amount of money is the best way of supporting your Parish. It enables us to plan ahead, knowing that we have a reliable source of income, especially in these uncertain times. Throughout life, circumstances change and the parish will be pleased to receive whatever you feel able to give. Please be assured that every aspect of your giving is treated with the utmost confidentiality. You can visit the Finance page on the St Michael's website should you wish to download a Gift Aid or Standing Order form.

In addition to the many ways in which you can make an offering, the accounts for 2025/26 are also on display. What was particularly pleasing was the uptick in weekly offerings, getting us back to where we were before the pandemic. However, our expenses, like everyone else's, have significantly increased to the point that during 2025 we simply just broke even. That in itself is ok, but does leave us vulnerable should unexpected expenses arise. Therefore, please think about a regular donation so that St Michael's can continue to serve you and your families for decades to come.

Alison Morgan *Chair of Finance*

Please pray for the wellbeing of

Lorraine Lynch, Carmel Benedict, Sarah Gerth, Shaun Wallace, Peggy Brogan, Bill Danson, Nina Grant, Rachel Fulton, Monica Volpin, Gabriela Castaños, Lynn Lenoci (nee Ficken), Maria Welsby, Garrick Thordsen, Ann McEntire, Robert Channing-Pearce, Sally Dick, Remy Perumal, Niamh Kilcullen, Grainne Freeman, John O'Driscoll, Maria Elisabete de Lima and Suzanne de Lima-Roberts



St. Michael's Help Team
(Queries to: caromking8@gmail.com)

Drivers who can help with getting a **lift to a hospital appointment**, or **help with shopping** are below.

W/C 12.05	Laura Jackson 07919287675 Caroline King 07905 360466
W/C 19.05	Lisa Dowd-Patel 07966 619357 David Hiley 07522 435062
W/C 28.05	Keith Merrett 07931 377337 David Hiley 07522 435062
Back-Up	Caroline King 07905 360466

Interested in the Catholic faith? Emmaus - a journey with Jesus. In the account of the journey of the disciples to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), Jesus walks with them, listening as they talk of the struggles and hopes that occupy their minds and hearts, and leading them, little by little, to see his presence in the Scriptures and at table with them in the breaking of the bread. The Emmaus Group (RCIA) is a means by which those who are enquiring about the Catholic faith, or seeking full communion with the Church, can likewise, be accompanied; listened to, helped to see the presence of God - in the Scriptures, in the Church, in their lives - and respond in love and prayer. Perhaps this is you, or perhaps it's someone you know and whom you could bring along - you're invited to an informal gathering on **Tuesday 9th June, 7pm**, St Michael's Hall, to find out more.



Deanery 24 Hours Adoration.
Fri 22nd to Sat 23rd May, St Joseph's Epsom

Following 10am Mass on Friday, the church will remain open throughout the day and night for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is warmly invited to come and pray at any time until the closing Mass on Saturday morning.

A programme of prayer (including Reconciliation from 7pm to 9pm) can be found at the back of the Church and on the Deanery website - www.epsomdeanery.com/vigil

Sick or housebound parishioners, who may be unable to attend, are warmly invited to submit their prayer intentions via the local parish office. These intentions will be placed before the Blessed Sacrament during the period of Adoration.

Fr Chris writes: I'll be leading the hour of prayer between 6pm and 7pm Friday, and I'll be there between 6am and 7am Saturday - would be great to see you there!
The 10am Mass Saturday morning will be the Concelebrated Mass at St Joseph's to conclude the 24 Hours Adoration.

The Tea Tent at Ashtead Village Day (13th June) organised and run by Ashtead Churches Together is a great opportunity to provide a service to our local community and demonstrate the presence of the Churches. We are seeking volunteers to make cakes; to spend an hour serving on the day; to assist in putting up and taking down the marquee; or to transport kit to and from the Rec. If you feel you can help please put your name down on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex, which will be available there until Sunday 31st May. Contact point Martin O'Donovan (01372 276812). We're also looking for a small number of volunteers to help with the outreach aspect of the Tea Tent, which needs volunteers with good people skills and the sensitivity to know what is helpful to say. If you'd like to help with this, or know more, please speak to Fr Chris.

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

Norman Larkin, Margaret Hanks, Eduardo Sanchez, Molly Marsden, Ulrika Crawford, Dorothy Fitzgibbon, Philip Parsons, Tony Streeves, Chris Harber, Ivy Smith, John Harkins, Anthony McCaffry, Patricia Kettle

May they rest in peace

Coffee, tea, squash and biscuits are available **every Sunday after 10.30am Mass** in the Hall. Please do come in and take time to chat with your fellow parishioners.

Wednesday Café, between 10.30am and 12.30pm in the church hall. Everyone is welcome. A selection of teas/coffees and cakes. Come along to the social event of the week! We support Action in Africa and CAFOD.



Please pray for **Ernest Anspoks Perkin** who will be baptised on the 17th May at noon, at St Michael's... and for **Edward and Leo Malczewski Grant** who will be baptised on the 24th May at noon... and for **Isabella and Sebastian Boardley**, who will be baptised on the 24th May at 1pm.



100 Club The winners of the April draw were Caroline King and Bill O'Neill—congratulations! Remember, if you have not renewed or joined, you can still do it. Speak to Alison or call the office.

Pray for Ashtead. The spirit of prayer together has been a feature of the Christian communities in Ashtead for many years. On **Tues 2nd June, 7.45pm, at St George's**, we'll have another opportunity to pray together for local issues and initiatives, and for national and international issues, too. Please do come, bring a friend, and bring what's on your heart for this area to your brothers and sisters for prayer.

The famous carpet of flowers returns in celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Arundel Cathedral will be open to view the carpet on Wed 3 June from 9.30am–7pm and on Thurs 4 June from 9.30am – 5.30pm, when the Mass and Procession to the Castle for Benediction begins. **No Booking required, free entry.** A selection of hot & cold food and drinks will be available at the Cathedral Centre on Wednesday and Thursday from 9am.

Ways for you to contribute to the Finances:

Please set up your standing order directly with your bank using the details below, or use the contactless machine in the narthex or cash, all is greatly appreciated. Don't forget your Gift Aid form (available in the narthex) if you are a taxpayer.

RCD A&B St Michael Ashtead

A/C No. 21076248

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Bank Reference: Your Name

Thank you to everyone who contributes so generously.

This week's Second Collection: **World Communication Sunday**

Next week's Second Collection: **The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese** (Gift Aid) - our support for the Diocese of Chulucanas.