ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER

The Marld, Ashtead, KT21 1RS
01372 272267
ashtead@abdiocese.org.uk

14th June 2026
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A

Parish Office:	Rocío Opazo-Aniotz Mon, Wed, Fri: 9:30am—12:30pm
Priest:	Fr Chris Bergin 07356 085590 chris.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk
Deacon:	Rev David Pattinson 07788 916910
Safeguarding:	01372 378916 sg1.ashtead@abdiocese.org.uk
Website:	www.stmichaelashtead.org.uk
Facebook Group:	St Michaels Ashtead

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13TH/14TH JUNE

SAT 13	**The Immaculate Heart of Mary**
10am	Antony Benedict RIP
SUN 14	**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30am	People of the Parish
10:30am	Andrew Gill RIP
MON 15	**St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor**
10am	David Weaver RIP
TUE 16	**St Richard of Chichester, Bishop**
10am	Colette Topman RIP
WED 17	**Feria in Ordinary Time**
10am	Edward Joseph McGaugh RIP
THU 18	**Feria in Ordinary Time**
	No Mass
FRI 19	**Feria in Ordinary Time**
6pm	Priest's intentions
SAT 20	**Feria in Ordinary Time**
10am	Mavis Bazeley RIP
SUN 21	**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30am	People of the Parish
10:30am	Kathleen Bowler RIP

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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Mass Book p. 91)

Psalm 100 *We are his people, the sheep of his flock*

Admissions to Catholic Schools and the Certificate of Catholic Practice

Parishioners may be aware that the Diocesan Education Service has updated its model Admission Policies to bring them in line with the National Catholic Education Service and to ensure compliance with the mandatory School Admission Code which all Admission Authorities are legally required to follow.

Our schools will still prioritise Catholic applicants and a certificate of Baptism will still be used to identify this. As schools adopt these new models, the requirement to seek a parish priest's signature on the Supplementary Information Forms' (SIFs) will be removed. However, in any case where a school is oversubscribed with Catholic applicants, it will be necessary to rank further the Catholic applicants. To do this a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' (CCP) will be used which affirms that *'this child and his/her family are known to me and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the child is from a practising Catholic family'*. (The Guidance from the Diocese, following the National Catholic Education Service model, states that *for the purposes of the Certificate of Catholic Practice, a person is a practising Catholic if they observe the Church's precept of attending Mass on Sundays and holidays of obligation.)* This certificate will be needed for those applying from this autumn for a place at St Andrew's for Admission in September 2027, and going forward.

Initially, in moving to a new system, the onus will be on parish clergy to make a judgement on these matters. However, Deanery clergy and the Diocesan Education Service are working on a form for use in coming years whereby families can indicate and celebrate their participation at Mass; indeed families should regard the change as a reminder of the need to be engaged with the life of the local Church, that is, the parish – not simply because they desire a school place for their child but because it is first and foremost their faith community, because worshipping God and being fed by Christ in word and Sacrament is what we are about and because, as children of God, families want their children to be supported in their journey of faith.

All clergy are committed to supporting parishioners in the difficult task of parenting and the joyful task of sharing faith and are not oblivious to the challenges that families face. Please trust them in this new situation - but please do not put them in the awkward position of being asked to provide a certificate for someone they have hardly ever seen before.

(This note has been prepared by the Deanery Clergy in collaboration with the Diocesan Education Service).

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

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 23.06	**Keith Merrett 07931 377337**
	David Hiley 07522 435062
W/C 30.06	**Andrew Cooke 07966 143366**
	Faye Jenkins 07768 724923
W/C 07.07	**Laura Jackson 07919287675**
	Caroline King 07905 360466
Back-Up	**Caroline King 07905 360466**

Are you new? Welcome to St Michael's! A very warm welcome and our prayers for you and all your loved ones. It would be great if you could register with the parish - there's a link on our website www.stmichaelashtead.org.uk and if you'd like to find out about opportunities for taking part in parish life, speak to Fr Chris, Deacon David or one of our Welcomers. We look forward to saying hello!

Holy Communion 2027. Many thanks to everyone involved in our Holy Communion celebrations last week and especially to the children and families celebrating the invitation from Jesus to participate at Mass in such a beautiful way. For families who are interested in finding out about the programme of preparation for *next year's* celebrations, there will be an Introductory Meeting on **Tuesday 7th July, 7pm, St Michael's Hall**.

Altar Servers. We'll be having an Introduction and practice for new altar servers on **Tuesday 16th June, 4pm, in the Church** - it's a great way for children to be involved in the celebration of Mass and of course it helps all in the community to pray at Mass. Not sure? Come along anyway to find out more, all are welcome!

Due to operational and practical reasons, the Bereavement Café (**Life and Loss Café**) will instead now meet on the **LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH** in the church hall between 12.45pm and 1.45pm. It will essentially be a 'drop-in' café for anyone wishing to speak to one of the two bereavement facilitators who will be present.
This means the **next café will take place on Wednesday 24th June** starting at 12.45pm until 1.45pm.

St. Michael's Youth Group! A place for Friendship, Fun, Faith and Food. Come and meet new people, play games, enjoy snacks or a meal together, and discover or deepen your faith through fun activities, great videos and meaningful discussions, all in a safe and welcoming space. Everyone in school years 7 to 13 is welcome.
Where? St. Michael's Church Hall
When? Every Friday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
To sign-up scan the QR or drop in and see what it's all about! We look forward to seeing you there.

Our next **Men's Breakfast** will be on Saturday 20th June at St. George's. The speaker will be Daniel Sykes and his topic will be Cyber Security.

Next week's Special Collection will be for Day for Life. The collection is distributed to charities associated with the theme of Pope John Paul II's Gospel of Life Gospel of Life and the Bishops' Conference's Cherishing Life.

Please pray for the wellbeing of

Lorraine Lynch, Bill O'Neill, 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, Sally Dick, Remy Perumal, Niamh Kilcullen, Grainne Freeman, Barbara Quinlan, Francis da Silva and John O'Driscoll

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eden Josefina Bonus (Armi Stokes' mother) and of all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time

Cardinal Basil Hume, Fr Edward Maxwell, Francis McCarthy, Joan White, Paulette Baker, Christopher Cushion, Lucy Kemp, Mina Bond, Sr Brendan, Dennis Sheehan, Don McGregor, Patrick Queally, Tony Laguarda, Tom Punt

May they rest in peace

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.

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.

A Catholic Festival for all the Family! Join CELEBRATE Trust in the beautiful Sussex for a relaxed, faith-filled festival between 15th and 19th August at Worth School. Have your faith renewed and inspired through talks and breakout sessions with inspirational speakers, make like-minded friends and experience the gospel in relevant and dynamic ways in the children and youth groups, spend time in Worth's beautiful Abbey, in praise and worship, and have opportunities to receive prayer, Eucharist Masses, Adoration and Reconciliation, and of course, get to know wonderful people over tea, coffee or a glass of wine and fun family activities. For tickets Tickets — CELEBRATE festival

Preparing your funeral. On April 18th we had a very good session attended by over 30 parishioners concerned with how to Prepare your funeral. The resources have been updated on the bereavement team webpage and are alongside the form Preparing your funeral. Any questions please contact the parish office.

The **Requiem Mass for Robert Chaning-Pearce RIP** will be celebrated at St Michael's on Friday 3rd July at 10:15am, followed by a committal service at Randalls Park Crematorium.

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

Sunday 7th June Offertory: £1783.68