ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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21st June 2026
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A

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20th/21st JUNE

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
MON 22	**Ss John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs**
10am	Eden Josephina Bonus RIP
TUE 23	**Feria in Ordinary Time**
10am	Mavis Bazeley RIP
WED 24	**The Birth of St John the Baptist**
10am	David Weaver RIP
THU 25	**Feria in Ordinary Time**
	No Mass
FRI 26	**Feria in Ordinary Time**
6pm	Priest's intentions
SAT 27	**Feria in Ordinary Time**
10am	Peter Galipeau RIP
SUN 28	**St Peter and St Paul, Apostles**
8:30am	People of the Parish
10:30am	Priest's intentions

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

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(Mass Book p. 93)

Psalm 69 *In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord*

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!

Growing in faith and friendship. One of the striking features of our Emmaus programme has been how developing friendships has enabled and encouraged growing in faith. Trusted relationships mean a safe space in which to explore questions about faith and its application to daily life. So we'd like to establish a regular opportunity for anyone and everyone to come together and deepen both friendships and faith. The suggestion is to meet on the **First Tuesday** of the month (beginning Sept 1st), **7pm, St Michael's Hall**. We'll begin with a social time, move into faith refection and end with prayer. Come along, bring a friend, make some new friends!

Holy Communion 2027.
Many thanks to everyone involved in our Holy Communion celebrations recently 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**.

Ashtead Churches Together Tea Tent at Village Day. A huge thank you to all those involved in the tea tent last weekend. It was especially busy this year and buzzing with a warm and friendly welcome to all our customers and of course we were blessed with perfect weather. So thank you to our army of volunteers, those baking cakes, serving on the day and helping with all manner of logistics. **From the proceeds, we will be making donations of just over £600 to each of this year's charities - BESOM and Christians Against Poverty.**

The next Bereavement Café (**Life and Loss Café**) **will take place on Wednesday 24th June** between 12.45pm and 1.45pm. From now on the Cafés will be on the last Wednesday of every month, as always in the church hall. If you wish to speak to one of the two bereavement facilitators who will be present, you can **just drop in**.

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.

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

Angela Macaluso, Anna Penge, Bert Cushion, Flora Graña, Florence Ruby Williams, Francis Money, Frank Louis, Willsher, Leonard Norval, Mary Friend, Mary Nugent, Michael McGaugh, Nancy Clinnick, Peter Chappell, Peter Galipeau, Sarah Bishop, Stanislaw Kendik, Tia Larkin

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.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, open morning.
Prospective Parents Open Morning will be on Friday 26th June at 9.30 a.m. Please email the school office to book your place.
School Office email: office@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk

A gentle reminder to our parishioners who come to St Michael's by car, especially on Sundays or special feast days to be mindful of where they park once our carpark becomes full in order not to disturb our neighbours. We have the use of Flying Start Nursery on weekends but if you still need to park on the road, please be considerate and careful not to block driveways or disturb verges.

Day for Life 2026. This Sunday we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via www.dayforlife.org.

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.

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Thank you to everyone who contributes so generously

Sunday 14th June Offertory: £ 1148.73