



ST MICHAEL'S
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2nd June— Corpus Christi

- Sat 01 6pm** **Vigil Mass**
Marceline D'Souza RIP
- Sun 02 8.30am** **Corpus Christi**
Well-being of Tessa Knott
10.30am **Vacant Intention**
- Mon 3 no mass** **Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions -**
- Tues 4 9.30am** **Weekday of Ordinary Time**
Eucharistic Service
- Wed 5 10am** **St. Boniface**
Muriel Lego RIP
- Thurs 6** **Weekday of Ordinary Time**
- no mass
- Fri 7** **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - no mass**

9th June—10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Sat 8** **Immaculate Heart of Mary**
No mass—(1st Sat of month only, next 06.07.24)
- Sun 9 8.30am** **10th Sunday**
Louisa Curia De Leyra
10.30am **FHC Mass**
12.30 am **FHC Mass**
- Mon 10** **Weekday of Ordinary Time - no mass**
- Tues 11 9.30am** **St Barnabas**
Eucharistic Service
- Wed 12 10am** **Weekday of Ordinary Time**
Vacant Intention
- Thurs 13** **St Anthony of Padua - no mass**
- Fri 14** **Weekday of Ordinary Time - no mass**

18th June—11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Sat 15 6pm** **Vigil —No Mass**
Sun 16 **Corpus Christi**



The interment of Paul Gruzalski's ashes is taking place on 4th June at 11am.

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

Kathleen Buxton, Michael Hall,
Peter David Exworthy, Wyn Haynes, Kieron Bryne,
Maria Palermo, Mario Schifano, Trudi Walsh,
Jack Gavin, Rev. John Brockman, Donald Cameron,
Tony O'Brian ,
and Tony McCaffry who died on 19th May
May they Rest in Eternal Peace

From the Editor—Dear Parishioner,

This edition of our newsletter has a slightly different look. With this week being the feast of Corpus Christi, we have an extended Pastoral Letter from Bishop Richard, included as page 3 below.

And with two masses dedicated to this year's First Holy Communicants the following week, as well as all our normal activities, we have a lot to cover.



READINGS : Corpus Christi

R 1: Exodus 24:3-8 **R 2:** Hebrews 9:11-15

Psalm Ps 115:12-13, 15-18 r.13 **Gospel:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Psalm Response: The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

Gospel Acclamation: I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

From today's Gospel reading:

"...Jesus took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it."

Reflection:

Receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord gives us a share in his life, death and resurrection so that we too can willingly give our lives in service and love for others the way he did. When we take the cup and drink from it today we are saying our "Yes" to Jesus' way of life and we are receiving his life so that we can live the "Yes" we are professing.

So, we ask ourselves:

Do we just see certain parts of our lives as dedicated to service in the Lord's name?
Shall we ask the Spirit to help us offer all of our lives in service to the Lord?

Baptisms at St. Michael's

We joyfully welcome the two newest members of our community, baptised at St. Michael's -

Miss Lyla Mara O'Neill and Master Conall John Wynne

2ND COLLECTION next weekend

Next week, 9th June, we collect for **Day for Life**.


This is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

Please Pray For

Shaun Wallace, Mavis Bazeley, Peggy Brogan,
Sheila Hanks, Bill Danson, Jean Rawlinson,
Alfredo Sheffield, Nina Grant, Barbara Long, Rachel Fulton,
Maria Welsby, Manuel Rodrigues, Garrick Thorsden,
Mr John O'Driscoll .

We think of all who need our prayers.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) - Pakistan
 Please see in the porch the latest Newsletter from ACN. It is focussing on the persecution of Christians (and other minorities) in Pakistan and asking you to sign a letter to the Government about it.
 For more information or If you want me to send you the Newsletter so you get the links, please contact at d.lynych2@btinternet.com Danny Lynch

Coffee at St. Michael's - Wednesday Coffee 10 to 12.30pm in our Hall and after Sunday 10.30am Mass. 

Soup Lunch
 The next Soup Lunch will be on Friday 7 June. A selection of homemade soups, breads, desserts and tea/ coffee, all for a cash donation of £6 will be served in the Church Hall between 12 noon and 1.30 pm.
 All money collected will be shared between the Princess Alice Hospice, CAFOD and Besom. All are welcome. Invite your family friends and neighbours to enjoy St Michael's award winning hospitality

Ashtead Men's Breakfast
 The next Breakfast will be on Saturday 15th June at 8.00am, in St. George's Church Hall when the guest speaker will be Philip Robinson, Marchioness Survivor. The title of his talk will be Trauma, Loss and Spirituality . The rest you know – Fruit and Cereals, Bacon Sandwiches , Tea, Coffee and Colin. Look forward to seeing you all there, Bill

Members of our monthly **knitting/crocheting group** will be meeting on Wednesday 5th June, during coffee time in St Michael's Hall. 10.00 am onwards.

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.



Bingo !
 The next popular monthly bingo session is on Wednesday 12th June at 1.45pm (so we can start promptly at 2pm) in the Hall. You can play the 10 games for as little as £1. Free refreshments at half time and a 50p per ticket raffle in aid of My Time, a local

Week commencing 31.5.24
 Keith Merrett (07931 377337) & David Hiley (01372 438842)
Week commencing 07.6.24
 Andrew Cooke (07966143366) & Soomin Crouch (07415833342)
W/C 14.6 Andrew Cooke and Faye Jenkins
W/C 25.6 Laura Jackson and Dom Burton

From Our Diocese

Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wednesday 26 June. A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. See Poster displayed in the porch.

Mental Health Awareness Seminar – Saturday 15 June 10-4pm. Cost £30, at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. In association with Mental Health England we are running a one day course in mental health awareness, heavily subsidised by the Diocese.

For registration please follow the link via the QR code or through the attached booking link Mental Health Awareness Seminar (15-Jun-2024) · ChurchSuite Events. For more information please contact Simon South, Diocesan Advisor E: si-

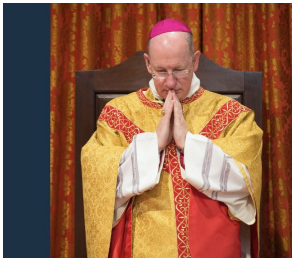
Parish Finances and Offertory
Last weeks Offertory : £ 1000.30, 2nd collection: £140.50
Ways for you to contribute:
Standing Order Please set up your standing order directly with your bank using the following details
 Account name: RCD A&B St Michael Ashtead
 Account number: 21076248
 Sort code: 40-05-20 (bank reference: your name)
Contactless devices: these are located in the Porch. Choose 'Offertory' from the list on the screen.
Gift aid envelope scheme: please place in the basket.
Loose cash: please place in the basket
THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Ashtead Village Day Saturday 8th June - Churches Together Tea Tent Volunteers Still Needed!

If you can spare an hour of your time, please sign up today on the lists in the Church, or ring James Close (01372 273554). All our takings this year will be shared between The Meeting Room and the Epsom and Ewell Refugee Network

READERS & WELCOMERS ROTA

Date	Saturday 6pm Mass		Sunday 8:30 am Mass		Sunday 10:30 am Mass		Sunday 12:30 pm Mass	
01/02 June	W1	Debbie Reynolds	W1	Penny Weaver	W1	Marina Channing-Pearce		
	W2		W2		W2	Robert Channing- Pearce		
	R1	Andy McGregor	R1	Eileen Merchant	R1	Philippa Dupenois		
	EM 1	Keith Merrett	EM 1	Keith Higgins	R2	Nick Pisa		
	EM 2		EM 2	Shane Murray	EM1	Judith O'Neill		
					EM2	Maria		
				CL	Sandra Palencia			
08/09 June	NO MASS		W1	David Warnock	W1	Armi Stokes	W1	Ben Newman
			W2	Jan Hanley	W2	Tala Baraya	W2	Sophia Newman
			R1	David Gwyther				
			EM 1	Garry Hayter	EM1	Mary Merrett	EM1	Jacqui Shabankareh
			EM 2		EM2	David Hiley	EM2	
				CL	No Children's Liturgy			



BISHOP RICHARD'S Weekly Reflection

Dear brothers and sisters,

We gather for our celebration of Corpus Christi at a significant time in the life of our Diocese when the Pastoral Plan – The Word Who is Life – is being implemented. While this is a time of change, all we do grows from our encounter with the True Vine - the person of Jesus Christ – who gives Himself to us in the Eucharist. Our continuing conformity to Him, our remaining part of the Vine, is the only way for us to ensure that we are faithful to the Mission to which He has called us.

Our celebration today, elevated by the wonderful carpet of flowers, celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, and impresses upon us all the centrality of the Lord's Eucharistic presence in our lives.

The wonder of the Eucharist calls for our utmost thanksgiving - it is the greatest gift for our journey. We speak of Viaticum - food for the journey - as the last Communion before death, but the Eucharist is the food for our journey of life. The Lord gives us His very self as the supreme sustenance for our lives. The Lord's Passover - His life death and resurrection - is made present by none other than the Lord himself, acting through his Priest. Just as Jesus gave Himself to the Apostles in the Upper Room, under the appearance of bread and wine, so He gives Himself to us. He is the Bread of Life. Like the disciples at Emmaus, we recognise Him in the breaking of bread and our hearts burn within us as He speaks to us on the road of our own pilgrimage and feeds us with his very self.

Every aspect of our life as His people should flow from the Eucharist and we bring ourselves and all our life's experience to the foot of the cross and to the empty tomb as we gather to listen to Him, welcome Him, praise Him and receive Him. As the writer of the letter to the Hebrews explains: through His death on the cross, Jesus, Who is the new covenant, makes it possible for us to render service to the Living God.

The Eucharist is beyond our understanding. We see and receive Jesus, Who humbled Himself to share in our humanity and Who, in this action of the Mass, calls us to share in His life, in His divinity. This wonderful mystery, through which we become conformed to Christ, demands our lifelong reflection, prayer, participation and thanksgiving.

Our Eucharistic procession is a significant and powerful extension of this celebration. Pope St. Paul VI, whose feast we celebrated only yesterday, wrote of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as "a proof of gratitude, an expression of love and a duty of adoration towards Christ our Lord". Expressing our gratitude, love and adoration in a public way is a witness to our faith in Jesus' Real Presence. The procession is an act of witness and, together with the celebration of the Eucharist itself, is a moment of evangelization. This public witness to the Eucharistic Presence of the Lord proclaims Him to the world. The Eucharist is at the heart of our mission as the Church, for it is here that we encounter Christ, deepen our unity with Him and with one another. It is this encounter, this closeness to the Lord, which we proclaim.

Across the Diocese, Eucharistic Adoration provides opportunities for prayer to underpin the work of the Pastoral Plan. These times are a vital element in the life of the Diocese as we look to the future and the continuing renewal of our mission.

Many will remember the *Adoremus* gathering in Liverpool a few years ago, part of the celebration of Eucharistic Congresses across the whole world. Indeed, our flower carpet team laid a carpet in Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral for that celebration. This year, *Adoremus* continues, as it were, with a gathering at Oscott College in Birmingham on the 14th of September. Each Diocese has been offered 44 places for this event and you can book a place and find out more details on our diocesan website.

Spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, speak to others of his Real Presence, share frequently in the celebration of the Eucharist for it is participation in Him that brings about, in a way not possible in any other context, our conformity to Him, and the growth in holiness that will enable us to proclaim Him to the world.

With every blessing,

+ Richard