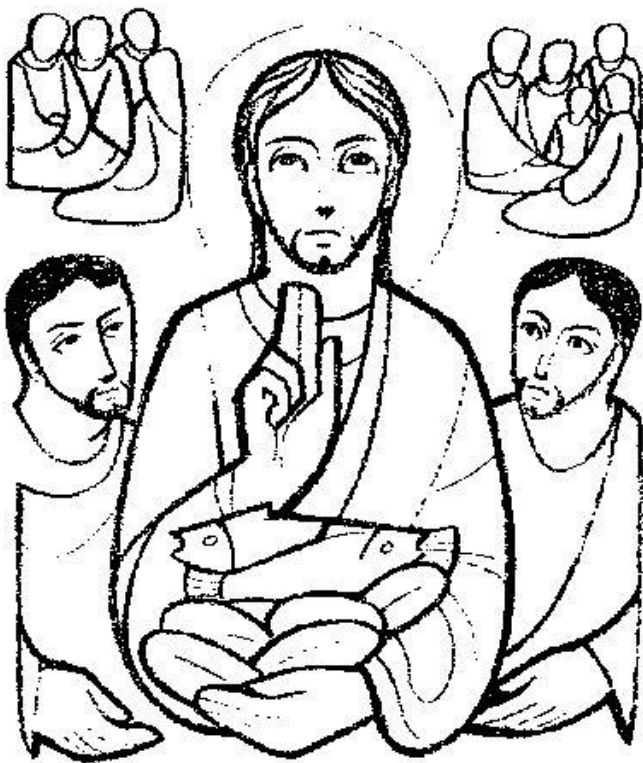


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*** Parish of S Michael and All Angels. Abbey Wood.
SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020**

The Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

We are now allowed to offer public worship again and the Sunday Mass has resumed. It may be many weeks however before everyone can be with us on a Sunday and so we are sending this sheet out to keep us all in touch. . Even if you cannot be with us you will be in our prayers. Please pass sheets or information on to those for whom we don't have an email address.



**COME TOGETHER
ON SUNDAY.
PARISH MASS
is at
10:00**

OUR PARISH LIFE

Coming together again.

MASKS. You are encouraged to wear a face covering when in church. But please also be sensitive to people who may lip read or need to see facial expressions. If you are receiving Holy Communion, please remove your face covering to do this.

OUR MASSES AND WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Mon 3	Monday of week 18 in Ordinary Time	Mass 18:00
Tue 4	Saint John Mary Vianney, Priest	Mass Sine populo
Wed 5	Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major	Mass 09:00
Thu 6	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Feast	Mass Sine populo
Fri 7	or Saints Sixtus II, Pope, and his Companions, Martyrs	
Sat 8	Saint Dominic, Priest	Mass Sine populo
Sun 9	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<u>Mass 08:30</u> <u>PARISH MASS</u> <u>10:00</u>

BUILDERS. The builders are rebuilding our church please be very careful around the scaffolding and when they are at work. Please follow any safety advice or instructions,

NEXT SUNDAY 9 AUGUST. On this Sunday we envisage that there will be a fairly large number at Mass. There is a limit due to Social Distancing that we can safely have at Mass at the moment. so that Sunday attendance at the 10am Mass will be by ticket. Please book at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/10am-parish-mass-9-august-2020-tickets-114431325174> or see Fr David this Sunday and he will book you. Ticketing is necessary that Sunday so that we can worship safely. It is our intention to offer an additional mass at 08:30 on that Sunday if needed.

This will be have to be our practice on Sundays where we anticipate a large attendance over the coming months.

MASS THIS WEEK. This Sunday we gather together for Parish Mass at 10am.

This week there will be public masses at 18:00 on Monday Evening and at 09:00 on Wednesday Morning. Mass on other days will continue to be said without a congregation for a short while.

WHAT IS OUR WORSHIP LIKE ? We have laid out our Church to allow Social Distancing and we have to do a lot of things in a different way. At the moment we are not allowed to sing to sing but our mass is accompanied on the organ. We cant have any Refreshments etc after mass and there won't be a Kids Zone for a while – but have made other provisions to make children feel welcome. You are encouraged to wear a face covering when in church.

WHO CAN COME TO CHURCH .

You **must not come** to church, if you have symptoms of Covid 19 or have tested positive or you have been in contact with someone who has or may have the Virus. You also should not come if you are quarantining.

We would **strongly encourage you not to come** at the moment if you are vulnerable or have been told to shield or isolate, unless a medical professional has said that it would be ok and that also you feel happy at being in a public place. If you have any questions or uncertainty, please have a chat with Fr David. **Please only come back to church when you feel happy to do so.** We miss you, but we want you to be safe. If you are in any doubt or have any questions please contact Fr David.

The current Government advice on people from more than one household meeting, can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>.

LECTORS. Over the next Sundays at Mass, we will need some help – Could you be a reader at Sunday Mass? You will have to read the First Reading, the Psalm with its response and the Second Reading. Then later in the mass you will read the biddings in the Intercessions. **Could it be you?**

TIMES OF PRAYER.

This week our church will be open for prayer on

Wednesday 09:30-10:30

Please come and pray and be with God.

CONFIRMATION. As Parish life resumes, we will shortly begin preparing candidates for Confirmation. If you would like to be confirmed please contact Fr David to have a chat about what is involved. The confirmation will be in S Michaels in October.

Good to see you back

PCC we meet after Mass today.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS. We know that this will be a time of financial hardship for many, but regular giving is vital if we are to survive as a Parish. As in most shops we discourage giving in cash, but a plate will be by the church door if you cannot give in other ways. If you would like to give by Internet banking, the details are **Sort Code 30-99-88, Account No 00160771, Account Name is PCC Saint Michael and All Angels Abbey Wood.** In the reference section please put your name followed by; 'Offering'. Thank you for your support.

We can't currently accept cards, but we hope to be able to do this in the near future.

FR DAVID has a very tight timescale today, as after the PCC he has to be back at church by 13:30, so he apologises if he does not have a lot of time to see people after mass. It would be good if the PCC could meet promptly.

His schedule next Sunday will also be very tight.

WHEN WILL OUR HALL OPEN ? We hope to begin opening our hall to regular users, and they have been contacted this week.

We will not be opening the hall for casual lets in the foreseeable future as we cannot do so safely and do not have the resources to responsibly manage these. Hopefully, these can resume by the late summer/early autumn.

Tis good for us to be here

From a sermon on the transfiguration of the Lord by Anastasius of Sinai, bishop.

Upon Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed to his disciples a heavenly mystery. While living among them he had spoken of the kingdom and of his second coming in glory, but to banish from their hearts any possible doubt concerning the kingdom and to confirm their faith in what lay in the future by its prefiguration in the present, he gave them on Mount Tabor a wonderful vision of his glory, a foreshadowing of the kingdom of heaven. It was as if he said to them: "As time goes by you may be in danger of losing your faith. To save you from this I tell you now that some standing here listening to me will not taste death until they have seen the Son of Man coming in the glory of his Father."

Moreover, in order to assure us that Christ could command such power when he wished, the evangelist continues: *Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. There, before their eyes, he was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Then the disciples saw Moses and Elijah appear, and they were talking to Jesus.*

These are the divine wonders we celebrate today; this is the saving revelation given us upon the mountain; this is the festival of Christ that has drawn us here. Let us listen, then, to the sacred voice of God so compellingly calling us from on high, from the summit of the mountain, so that with the Lord's chosen disciples we may penetrate the deep meaning of these holy mysteries, so far beyond our capacity to express. Jesus goes before us to show us the way, both up the mountain and into heaven, and – I speak boldly – it is for us now to follow him with all speed, yearning for the heavenly vision that will give us a share in his radiance, renew our spiritual nature and transform us into his own likeness, making us for ever sharers in his Godhead and raising us to heights as yet undreamed of.

Let us run with confidence and joy to enter into the cloud like Moses and Elijah, or like James and John. Let us be caught up like Peter to behold the divine vision and to be transfigured by that glorious transfiguration. Let us retire from the world, stand aloof from the earth, rise above the body, detach ourselves from creatures and turn to the creator, to whom Peter in ecstasy exclaimed: *Lord, it is good for us to be here.*

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