

The Parish of S Michael and All Angels. Abbey Wood.
SUNDAY 11 October 2020

THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*In Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Human Labour
and the Harvest,*



OUR PARISH LIFE

WELCOME. We welcome you back to S Michaels this Sunday especially it is your first Sunday back or you are new to our congregation.

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL MASS. In our 10:00 Mass today we give thanks for the fruits of Human Labour and for the riches of the Harvest. The current situations means that we cant have our normal Family Mass. We will restart and renew our Family Masses as soon as we are able.

HARVEST GIFTS. The Manna Society to whom we have traditionally given our Harvest Gifts have work with the homeless in South London. The gifts they receive from churches constitute most of the food that they give out each year, but as many churches are not open or have very reduced congregations, they have a serious shortfall at this time.

THE KALANDER

Mon 12	Monday of week 28 in Ordinary Time Mass 18:00
Tue 13	Saint Edward Mass 08:00
Wed 14	Saint Callistus, Pope, Martyr Mass 17:00
Thu 15	Saint Teresa of Ávila, Virgin, Doctor Mass tba
Fri 16	Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin Mass tba
Sat 17	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr Mass tba?
Sun 18	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass 10:00

To meet distancing requirements and to mitigate risk, we will be unable to receive gifts during our Harvest Festival Mass as usual. A table has therefore been put in the South Aisle we would ask you to place your gifts there by the end of today. **Only one person at a time should be at the table, please sanitise your hands before placing your gifts.**

The Manner Society require the following this year.

FOOD Tomatoes (Tinned) Disposable razors
Vegetables (Tinned) Toilet rolls Pasta Sauces Kitchen rolls
Rice Meat (Tinned)

Other Tinned Food Fish. Baked Beans, Hot Dogs, Corned Beef, Chopped ham, Luncheon meats, Stewed steak.

Non-Tinned Food Curry Sauces Pasta Spaghetti Cooking oil
Biscuits

Men and Women's Clothing

Trainers, Underwear, Socks. Jeans. Shoes

CONFIRMATION. Bishop Jonathan is coming to us on 25 October to Confirm. If you would like to consider Confirmation please have a word with Fr David.

BUILDING A TOWER *This week in church we are recreating the Tower of Babel!* Our builders are going to erect a tower in church so that the glaziers can begin to put back the windows which they went off with. Please keep away from the tower and take especial care in church throughout the coming week. If you need to do things in church it would be better if you can try and do them outside working hours. The work will probably continue into next week.

We have changed our Mass times to allow for this, but it may still be necessary to change them from those published on this sheet, so please listen to the notices.

The work is well under way in renewing our church building. Please be very careful around the external scaffolding and when they are at work. You must follow any safety advice or instructions; this will be especially the case if you come to church on a weekday.

TEST AND TRACE. The NHS has introduced a Test and Trace system using a QR code. We have now, following the Church of England instructions, adopted this in our church. We strongly recommend that you should download the App on to your phone and scan the code to enter your details, whenever you come to

church. The QR code is displayed at all of the church entrances.

Separate QR codes are displayed for the users of our Hall and the Social Club. These can be found at the Hall entrances and in the Club. These must be used when attending events in the Hall or Social Club.

GIVING. As a result of the current Pandemic our the regular giving to our church appears to be very down. But we need the giving to run our church and to enable its worship and mission. The fact that we cant do many fundraising activities also adds to the situation. It is of course a time of uncertainty and many people will face financial difficulties, but if you can please review your giving to our church and its work and if you can give a little more. If you would like to give using your phone etc the details are as follows.

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 Offering*'.

Thank you for your support.

Fr David has a busy afternoon and evening today, so he may not be around for long after mass – so he has a hope of getting some lunch, before he has to be back.

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Assistant Priest Fr Derek Robinson

Churchwardens Mr Peter Ludlow, Mr Christopher Harper

Safeguarding Officer Mrs Susan Robinson

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SAFEGUARDING.

We take Safeguarding very seriously at S. Michaels and we follow the Safeguarding procedures of the Diocese of Southwark. Full details and further information are available on the noticeboard in the Baptistry. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to our Safeguarding Officer Sue Robinson or one of our Parish Clergy.

If you or someone you know, have been affected by a Safeguarding issue during the Pandemic or the recent Lockdown the following helplines are available, there is also more information on our notice board.

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline: 0808 800 5000

Child-line: 0800 1111

National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Samaritans Helpline: 116 123

Action on Elder Abuse Helpline: 080 8808 8141 .

Let us always be mindful of Christ's love

If Christ Jesus dwells in a man as his friend and noble leader, that man can endure all things, for Christ helps and strengthens us and never abandons us. He is a true friend. And I clearly see that if we expect to please him and receive an abundance of his graces, God desires that these graces must come to us from the hands of Christ, through his most sacred humanity, in which God takes delight.

Many, many times I have perceived this through experience. The Lord has told it to me. I have definitely seen that we must enter by this gate if we wish his Sovereign Majesty to reveal to us great and hidden mysteries. A person should desire no other path, even if he is at the summit of contemplation; on this road he walks safely. All blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding his life we find that he is the best example.

What more do we desire from such a good friend at our side? Unlike our friends in the world, he will never abandon us when we are troubled or distressed. Blessed is the one who truly loves him and always keeps him near. Let us consider the glorious Saint Paul: it seems that no other name fell from his lips than that of Jesus, because the name of Jesus was fixed and embedded in his heart. Once I had come to understand this truth, I carefully considered the lives of some of the saints, the great contemplatives, and found that they took no other path: Francis, Anthony of Padua, Bernard, Catherine of Siena. A person must walk along this path in freedom, placing himself in God's hands. If God should desire to raise us to the position of one who is an intimate and shares his secrets, we ought to accept this gladly.

Whenever we think of Christ we should recall the love that led him to bestow on us so many graces and favours, and also the great love God showed in giving us in Christ a pledge of his love; for love calls for love in return. Let us strive to keep this always before our eyes and to rouse ourselves to love him. For if at some time the Lord should grant us the grace of impressing his love on our hearts, all will become easy for us and we shall accomplish great things quickly and without effort.

