

The Parish of S Michael and All Angels. Abbey Wood.

Sunday 22 November 2020

THE FEAST OF

CHRIST THE KING



This Sunday we mark the last

Sunday of the Church year with the Feast of Christ the King. We think of all things end in Christ and of his victory which means he reigns over all things.

OUR PARISH LIFE

OUR WORSHIPPING LIFE. Despite the Government Lockdown our life as a Church goes on. **We are not closed!** Mass will be said everyday through the lockdown, but as it is now against the law for there to be Public Worship, Mass will be celebrated *sine populo* – by the priest alone without the people. But in the Office and the Daily Mass the clergy will carry on the Church's life of prayer. You are encouraged at home each day to share in its life of prayer.

The Government does permit churches to open for individual private prayer. Fr David will try each day to find a time each day when the church can be open.

The Blessed Sacrament will be on the altar and the church open for prayer at the following times this week.

THE LITURGICAL KALANDER

Mon 23	Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr
Tue 24	Saints Andrew Dūng-Lac and his Companions, Martyrs
Wed 25	Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr
Thu 26	Thursday of week 34 in Ordinary Time
Fri 27	Friday of week 34 in Ordinary Time
Sat 28	Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 29	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 10:00 to 11:30

Mon 23	Monday 18:00 to 19:00 Monday of week 34 in Ordinary Time or Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr or Saint Columbanus, Abbot and Missionary
Tue 24	Wednesday 09:30 - 10:30 Saints Andrew Dūng-Lac and his Companions, Martyrs
Wed 25	Wednesday of week 34 in Ordinary Time Please try to support these times of individual prayer.
Thu 26	Thursday of week 34 in Ordinary Time Firstly, because the prayer we help has the most
Fri 27	Friday of week 34 in Ordinary Time important thing that the Church can offer in this
Sat 28	Saturday of week 34 in Ordinary Time Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 29	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Secondly, if a lot of us gather for prayer it is a powerful sign and witness to our community and world.

Mon 23	Monday of week 34 in Ordinary Time or Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr or Saint Columbanus, Abbot and Missionary To us gathering around the sacrament is not just an optional leisure activity, as the government regards it, but the source of life.
Tue 24	Saints Andrew Dūng-Lac and his Companions, Martyrs
Wed 25	Wednesday of week 34 in Ordinary Time OUR PASTORAL LIFE. We remain open and
Thu 26	Thursday of week 34 in Ordinary Time functioning as a church. Fr David and Fr Derek are
Fri 27	Friday of week 34 in Ordinary Time around if you have any pastoral needs. Please feel
Sat 28	Saturday of week 34 in Ordinary Time free to contact them.
Sun 29	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Please do your best to support and look out for one another over

Mon 23	Monday of week 34 in Ordinary Time or Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr or Saint Columbanus, Abbot and Missionary your neighbours who may need help or even just a friendly smile
Tue 24	Saints Andrew Dūng-Lac and his Companions, Martyrs COLIN NIBLETT - Colin's funeral took place this week and I am sure many of us watched it on the internet.
Wed 25	Wednesday of week 34 in Ordinary Time Our Mass in S. Michael's that day was a Requiem for Colin. Once the ban on congregational worship is
Thu 26	Thursday of week 34 in Ordinary Time lifted, we will arrange a public requiem for Colin.
Fri 27	Friday of week 34 in Ordinary Time Colin's family have requested that any donations in his
Sat 28	Saturday of week 34 in Ordinary Time memory are given to Cancer Research and have set up a donate in memory page at
Sun 29	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT https://fundraise.com/charities/colin-niblett/?fbclid=IwAR09u0xw6K6B0d1RI7cC1Z_0_E_JR9U3cdYOUhkuNj3GfK1E96VsEtoBq0

Mon 23	Monday of week 34 in Ordinary Time or Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr or Saint Columbanus, Abbot and Missionary
Tue 24	Saints Andrew Dūng-Lac and his Companions, Martyrs THE NATIONAL LOCKDOWN AND GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS. The Government has as part of the regulations for the National Lockdown for hidden by law all Public Worship. There are some exceptions
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such as funerals. Churches and places of worship can however open for private prayer.

The rules when we are in church for private prayer are that we must observe Physical Distancing, and wear a face covering.

Inside church must by law only sit and mix with people from your own Household. Everybody must abide by this.

Once you have finished your time of prayer, you must immediately leave church. Outside you must continue to only talk and mix with people from your household. An individual attending on their own however may meet with one other individual from outside their household.

On entering you should, register your visit with Test and Trace preferably using the App, the QR code is displayed at all of the entrances. If you still do not have the app you should enter your contact details in the folder by the door.

You must gel your hands on entering and leaving, and at other times in your visit, especially if you touch things likely to be used by others.

It is very important that everybody fully observes these Regulations.

CHRISTMAS DRAW. Tickets for our 2020 Christmas are available. £1 a ticket or £5 a book. We are unable to sell these inside church at the moment, but details of how to order tickets are on the Parish Website. michaels.church

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS. Don't forget it is stir up week – for the collect for the week. Traditionally as well as a reminder to stir up our spiritual lives it is also to remind cooks to make their Christmas Puddings. So get stirring.

REGULAR GIVING. As a result of the current Pandemic our the regular giving to our church appears to be very down and we have also had to stop most of our Fundraising activities. For much of the year we have had no income from our hall. This situation is likely to be made worse by the present lockdown. But we are still running as a church and we depend on regular giving and to enable our worship and mission.

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'. A big thank you to those who have already reviewed their giving and for everyones continued support.

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If you would like to receive this sheet in future please email Fr David. dasherratt@aol.com

GROWING IN OUR PRAYER

Again this have provided some material to help us grow in both our private prayer at home and to develop our church as a place of prayer,

There are the Scripture readings for this Sunday, so that we can prayerfully listen the word of God together. You can use in church or at home. With a suggestion of how you could read it in a prayerful way; There is also a psalm to use as a prayer.

There is a form for making your Spiritual Communion. We may not be able to share together in Mass or Holy Communion. But God is still there in the Sacrament for us and will still fill our hearts with his grace. Again you can use this at home or in church.

There is a leaflet about the Lords Prayer – sometime we get so used to saying this that we almost forget what we are saying. It is good to think about it from time to time.

On Christ the King, it is traditional to consecrate a Parish anew to the Divine Compassion of Jesus. We cant do this together this year and so there an intercession for our Parish for each of us to make, if possible in front of the Sacrament. After the time of Private Prayer on Sunday Fr David will say the traditional prayer of Consecration and then give Benediction to our Parish – sadly behind closed doors – but doors are never closed to God.

If you didnt get the suggested pattern of private prayer to use at home last week, there are copies in church or email Fr David and he will send you some copies. Remember you use it to pray by yourself or as a household.

COMING SOON.

Next Sunday we start a new year in the Church. Next Sunday the season of Advent Starts. A season of excitement and expectation as we wait for the Lord.

