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

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2020

THE TWENTY FIRST 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.



Tu es Petrus

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

OUR PARISH LIFE

Coming together again.

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

OUR MASSES AND WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Mon 24	<u>SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE Feast</u>	Mass 18:00
Tue 25	<u>Saint Louis</u>	Mass Sine populo
Wed 26	<u>Wednesday of week 21 in Ordinary Time</u>	Mass 09:00
Thu 27	<u>Saint Monica</u>	Mass Sine populo
Fri 28	<u>Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor</u>	
Sat 29	<u>The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist</u>	Mass Sine populo
Sun 30	<u>22 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>	Mass 08:30 PARISH MASS 10:00

EVERYONES SAFETY. We have reorganised our church layout to ensure Social Distabcing. Please use the hand sanitisers provided, we encourage you to do this frequently, but please always do so every time that you enter or leave church and before you recive Holy Communion. We encourage everyone to wear a face covering when in church. The government have now made it a **legal requirment for people attending Religious Worship to wear a Face Covering.** The Police have the powers and responsibility to enforce this. Your attention is drawn to the government guidnce on meeting people from outside your own household, this can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/meeting-people-from-outside-your-household-from-4-july>

There are restictions on singing and music in church and we have had to make a number of changes to our worship. We hope to do this however in ways that will also enrich us in our worship. We are unable to have a Kids Zone or refreshments at the moment.

We only want people to come back to church when you reel happy to do so, it may be that some people may prefer a weekday mass instead of a Sunday for a while.

Obviosly you should not come to Church if have the symptoms of Covid 19 or have been in contact with someone who has, if you are in any doubt please contact NHS 111. You should also not come to church if you are required to quarentine after traveling.

BUILDERS. The builders are giving us a new church! Please be very careful around the 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.

PHONES. Please put your phones onto silent when you come into church. If you need to answer a call, please go outside to do so.

If you want to follow the service on your phone, either by downloading our weekly service sheets or on the Universalis App you are welcome to do so. Universalis also has a number of different language options.

KNIVES If you use a knife or bladed instrument in church, such as for flower arranging or sacristy work, please do so responsibly and make sure that it is put away securely after you have used it. This is a particularly important matter and it is for everyone's safety and protection. *Sadly, a knife was found left lying around in church last week!*

PCC Our Church Council meets after mass today. *Please pray and think if you could help by standing for election to the PCC at our next Parish Meeting.*

OUR HALL is now open for regular users, although it will be sometime before many of them return. We are not currently taking booking for occasional lets, such as parties etc. If you are using the hall, please follow the distancing and hygiene directions.

LECTORS. We have been asking for a few weeks if people would like to 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. The readings and prayers will be sent to you. **We need lots of volunteers for this.**

CONFIRMATION. 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.

JUBILATE. We hope to begin our children's club - Jubilate again on Wednesday 9 September.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS. This is 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 strongly 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.*

CHURCH LOCKING DOWN AGAIN. We hope we won't have to do so again, but if we do please email Fr David today at dasherratt@aol.com, to make sure that we have your email address. You will then receive the notice sheet each week and if we have to lockdown we can stay in touch.

FOOD AND SONG IN ABBEY WOOD. The Abbey Arms, the Abbey Café and the Taj Mahal are offering half

price meals up to £10, this month from Mondays to Wednesdays.

The Abbey Arms have music in the garden next Sunday, The Bikini Beach Band, are performing from 16:30. Why not book a table and come along. www.abbeyarms-se2.co.uk/bookings/contact

The next Abbey Wood Market is on Saturday 5 September.

Please support the businesses and life of our community.

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. From the Confessions of St Augustine

Urged to reflect upon myself, I entered under your guidance the innermost places of my being; but only because you had become my helper was I able to do so. I entered, then, and with the vision of my spirit, such as it was, I saw the incommutable light far above my spiritual ken and transcending my mind: not this common light which every carnal eye can see, nor any light of the same order; but greater, as though this common light were shining much more powerfully, far more brightly, and so extensively as to fill the universe. The light I saw was not the common light at all, but something different, utterly different, from all those things. Nor was it higher than my mind in the sense that oil floats on water or the sky is above the earth; it was exalted because this very light made me, and I was below it because by it I was made. Anyone who knows truth knows this light.

O eternal Truth, true Love, and beloved Eternity, you are my God, and for you I sigh day and night. As I first began to know you, you lifted me up and showed me that, while that which I might see exists indeed, I was not yet capable of seeing it. Your rays beamed intensely on me, beating back my feeble gaze, and I trembled with love and dread. I knew myself to be far away from you in a region of unlikeness, and I seemed to hear your voice from on high: "I am the food of the mature: grow, then, and you shall eat me. You will not change me into yourself like bodily food; but you will be changed into me".

Accordingly I looked for a way to gain the strength I needed to enjoy you, but I did not find it until I embraced *the mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who is also God, supreme over all things and blessed for ever.* He called out, proclaiming *I am the Way and Truth and the Life,* nor had I known him as the food which, though I was not yet strong enough to eat it, he had mingled with our flesh, for *the Word became flesh* so that your Wisdom, through whom you created all things, might become for us the milk adapted to our infancy.

Late have I loved you, Beauty so ancient and so new, late have I loved you!

Lo, you were within,
but I outside, seeking there for you,
and upon the shapely things you have made
I rushed headlong – I, misshapen.

You were with me, but I was not with you.

They held me back far from you,
those things which would have no being,
were they not in you.

You called, shouted, broke through my deafness;
you flared, blazed, banished my blindness;
you lavished your fragrance, I gasped; and now I pant for you;
I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst;
you touched me, and I burned for your peace.