

Welcome to  
**St. Michael and All Angels**  
'Sharing Jesus' love with everyone'

NEWSLETTER 13TH MARCH 2011

## First Sunday of Lent



### Today's Services:

**8.00 a.m. Eucharist (BCP)**

**10.00 a.m. Celebration Eucharist**

**Celebrant Fr. Sebastian**

We do not pass a collection plate round during the service. You are very welcome to make an offering towards God's work in this Parish. Please put it in the basket by the entrance to the church. God will bless and honour your gift.

Junior Church is held in the Faith Hut. Children go out during the opening song and return at the Peace (every Sunday except the 1st Sunday in the month).

### PRAYER MINISTRY

If you wish for the ministry of prayer, this is available with members of the Prayer Team in the Lady Chapel during the final song.

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### LOOP FACILITIES

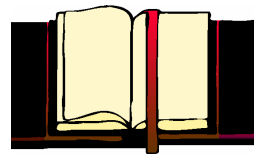
Please note there are loop facilities at St. Michael's.

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### MOBILE PHONES

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### Today's Readings

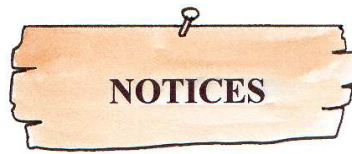


**Gen. 2 v 15-17; 3 v 1-7**  
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**Psalms 32** (page 560)

**Romans 5 v 12-19**

**Matthew 4 v 1-11**  
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## ***Searching for meaning in life - A meditation for Lent***

Life is all about meaning more than just about matter. Victor Frankl's book "Man's Search for Meaning" speaks about the human predicament and the relentless search to make sense of life. Meaning is so crucial and so important that human beings are ready to struggle, sweat and even die in their search for it.

Some people say that the Creator has lost control of creation and humanity is ploughing a furrow of their own contrary to the Creator's story line and blue-print. In fact, the absolutely faulty story line of Western civilisation seems to be the glorification of unfettered individualism with its unwritten plot to the story line: "the end justifies the means." This is a tragic situation that Western civilisation seems to have fallen into, and it is pulling the rest of the world into its vortex.

Utter disaster and annihilation stare us in the face unless humanity re-writes its story line and searches for true and eternal meanings in life, not just addictive obsession with mere pleasure and satisfaction at all levels.

The beauty of Christianity is that true meaning can be grasped, experienced and lived if you are willing to meet and give your heart to God who became Man in Jesus Christ. Period. *Have a happy and holy season of Lent!*

*Father Sebastian*

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Our APCM this year will be held on Sunday 10th April at 1.00 p.m. We shall be looking to elect the following officers:

- 2 church wardens
- 3 Diocesan Synod representatives
- 4 PCC members

Voting forms will be available soon.



## WANTED....



Someone to help out with the parish office work. Can you find your way around a keyboard? Could you spare a couple of hours a week? If so, Fr. Sebastian would love to hear from you!

## LENT COURSE 2011

This year we shall be joining in the Bishop's Lent Course, which is being held at St. Saviour's Church on Monday evenings at 8.00 p.m. We shall be running the minibus, which will leave St. Michael's at around 7.15-7.30 p.m., and will park in St. Saviour's car park. If you would like a lift, please let one of the Church Wardens know as soon as possible. Details of the course are on the notice board.



## FAITH BOX FOR LENT

The proceeds of our Lent Faith Box offerings this year



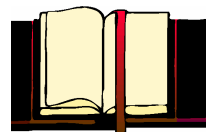
will be divided equally between Family Support Work and Columbia Street Children (whom we support through our Caring and Sharing scheme).



## NEXT SUNDAY

**20th March - Second Sunday of Lent  
Celebrant - Fr. Sebastian**

The readings will be: Genesis 12 v 1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4 v 1-5,13-17  
John 3 v 1-17



***We lift before God those who suffer in body, mind and spirit that they may receive His word of healing and comfort.***

Brian, Miguel, Josephine, Malcolm, Tim Gilmour, Theresa, Doreen Alexis, Dawn Langley, Chris Greenough, Eileen Fletcher, Sidney Burgess, Mickey Stapleton, Carole Holder, Lynda Rogers, David Keene, Janet Walsham, Henry, Brian Hawkes, Lois Frederiksson, David Woodward, Mary Oommen, Holly Ranjbar, Jill Priddy

***In Memoriam:*** Cyril Lawes, Kay Garrett

***For your prayers***

Our Lent Course, starting this week  
The Alpha Course on Friday



### **This Week**

<b>Monday 14th March</b>	3.30-5.00 p.m. T-Time at St. Michael's 7.15 p.m. Minibus leaves for Lent Course
<b>Tuesday 15th March</b>	7.30 p.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Centenary Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday 16th March</b>	10 a.m.-12 30 p.m. Drop In
<b>Thursday 17th March</b>	10.30 a.m. Eucharist (BCP) followed by laying of on of hands and anointing of the sick
<b>Friday 18th March</b>	12 noon Alpha Course 6.00 p.m. Music Group Practice

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