St. Michael's Bulletin

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FOURTH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 2009

Vigil 5.30 pm May McGrath

9. 00 am Our Parish Family **1030 am Cathy Magee**

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
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Saturday 5.30 pm Bill Hoban

Also this week; Reading Crematorium. Monday 1.30 pm: Funeral Service for Ivan George

FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Lord, send Your Healing Spirit on all who are in any way sick or distressed: we pray for Claudina Rodrigues, Eugenie Micotti, Alison & Betty Gosling, Ena Wilson, Marguerite Brosnan, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Peter Gibson, Nancy Keogh, Michael Boyle, Donald Garland, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher, Mary Comfry and Trevor Williams.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for all who died recently, for all killed in wars, disasters and accidents: victims of terrorism and oppression; and for those who die of starvation or neglect. We now remember in our prayers May McGrath, Noel Pearce, Jimmy Thompson, Lilian Tresham, Derrick Palman and Richard Hoban, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

Next Sunday at our 1030am Mass the children will be helping us to explore a little more deeply the notion of Reconciliation". As we accompany the children on their faith journey, we adults should be undergoing a sort of renewal of our own ideas, and a deepening of our own Faith. The notion of "Reconciliation" is at the heart of Christ's message to us. He came to reconcile us to God – and so we should all be reconciled with one another. If we could follow His teaching more closely and put all His teachings and ideas into practice then our world would be a much more peaceful, just and harmonious place to live.

Next Sunday is also known as Education Sunday, when we try to concentrate our minds on what Catholic Education means. We try to demonstrate that the starting point for Catholic Education means that we see each individual as a unique person, created in the image and likeness of God, with particular and special talents given for the purpose of service to the whole human race in order to improve the quality of life on earth. Catholic Education points us in the direction of our eternal destiny and so we also try to nourish and encourage each individual to acheive their potential in life.

Next Sunday's Mass will be a St Martin's Mass – which means that the children from throughout the school will be helping and actively participating in Mass in all sorts of ways. They will come in school uniform. We are trying to strengthen the links between church and school, and so each term we hope to have this involvement of the children at our principal Mass on Sunday. In many parishes the church and school are on the same site, or very close to each other. Our situation is that here in this parish church and parish school are over 3 miles apart, and that makes it difficult when we try to emphasise that we are both part of one community and need to support each other and deepen our ties.

MY "DAY BY DAY".

The February edition of this little booklet is now on the table at the back of church. Copies are £1.50 each.

THE CHURCH "PRAYER BOARD"

The St Anthony Prayer Board at the back of Church is looking very clogged. I think that it is marvellous that it has attracted such great usage, and it is obviously very popular with you all. It is there for your requests for prayer for any intentions you may have. But I do appeal to you and ask that if you place a request for prayer on the board that you will also take responsibility and remove that request when it has been answered, otherwise it takes up space which others seeking support from us may not be able to find. Can you check once again the requests which you have placed on the prayer board. Thank you.

CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be a Choir practice on Saturday at 1030. You are all most welcome to come and join us, or just listen and learn.

CANDLEMASS MASS.

This will be celebrated at St Anne's on Monday evening at 7.30pm. It will be a celebration in the old Latin form of Mass and the choir of the Oratory School will be singing the parts of the Mass. Sounds like a very nostalgic trip!

OTHER EVENTS DURING THE YEAR.

LENT begins on ASH WEDNESDAY, which this year falls on February 25th. **EASTER SUNDAY** falls on April 12th.
CONFIRMATION will be administered by Bishop Kenney on Wednesday June 17th at 7.00.

If there are any children or adult parishioners who have not been Confirmed, but would like to be so, please let me know as soon as possible, please, so that we can include you in the preparation programme when it begins shortly.

ST MARTIN'S. We are looking for people who will serve as Governors on the School board. Interested? Please let me know.

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"Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind" President John.F. Kennedy

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May we all have a peaceful week. Fr Chris