



St. Michael's Bulletin



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FEAST OF ALL SAINTS, November 1st, 2009.

Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Our Parish family

Monday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass
Friday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass

1030 am Cotter & O'Shea families

Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Special Intention

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, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Nancy Keogh, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher, David Roberts, Marie Evans, Rita Conlon, Margaret Keane, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinall, Frank O'Donnell, Gwen Payne, Pat Walton, Denis Goodchild and Sue Meyers. **Bring them Your healing and peace.**

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for John Conlon, Monica Barrett, Corporal James Oakland and 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 pray for Patrick Burke, Henry Prendergast, Bertha Remetina Rodrigues, Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville and Father Frank Dawson whose anniversaries fall at this time. **Grant them the joy of Your Presence.**

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Today we celebrate the feast of ALL SAINTS.

This "Month of Remembrance" is now upon us. Throughout this month we have in our hearts and minds all those who have gone before us. We thank God for their lives and all the love we shared. We now continue to commend them to the love and mercy of God and hope that they, from their exalted place in the Presence of the Lord will watch over and pray for us.

But as the month of November begins we celebrate all those who have gone into the Presence of the Lord as "All Saints" We give thanks to God for the love, goodness and kindness of so many who have gone before us and whose lives we treasure.

ALL SOULS

If you would like to have prayers offered each day during Mass for your deceased relatives and friends, please place their names on a list and place it in the Book of the Deceased on the Lady Altar.

At the prayer for the remembrance of the dead, or the "memento" as it is also was known, I shall pause for a few moments of silence so that we can each remember those for whom we would most like to pray and commend to the Lord's mercy..

ADVENT

Fr David Keniry will be here on November 21st/22nd to give us an over-view of what Advent means. He said he would help us to deepen our understanding of the Scriptures we hear in Advent. I hope we can have a Shared Lunch on Sunday 22nd.

"CAFOD" for ADVENT

I suggest that we use the time of Advent to seek our offerings for the poor of the Third World. We can use the "swing-bin" at the back of church to receive our offerings, which will go to the poorest of our world and to help alleviate the suffering so many feel as the result of wars and other disasters, which seem to be happening with great regularity in countries throughout the world. I am sure we are all very saddened when we hear reports of these disasters and while we would like to help, we feel frustrated that we are seem unable to do so. If we combine our efforts during Advent then we can make a good, solid contribution to such much needed help and relief through the agency of CAFOD.

CAFOD & WORLD GIFTS

CAFOD have sent us some Christmas catalogues of WORLD GIFTS. These "world gifts" offers us the opportunity to buy something really worthwhile for people in the Third World, such as a pair of piglets, chickens, a bicycle, or a large pack of seeds and tools to help someone start their own vegetable garden and so begin to be able to feed their own families. Please take a catalogue to find a present you would like send on to someone in the Third World. Living in a land of plenty as we do, it will be a useful exercise to alert our children to the possibility of buying a gift of their choosing for a family in the Third World.

BIBLE TODAY & "MY DAY BY DAY"

There are a few of these very useful books on the table at the back of church to help with your daily prayer and Bible readings. At a time when life seems to be getting faster and faster, and everything in our daily lives seems ever more hectic, we all need to "chill out" and have some kind of rest and reflection each day to keep us sane. These little books will help us keep our focus. They offer us an insight into the daily Scripture readings we use at Mass, and they guide us in our prayers for each day.

ST ANNE'S SKITTLES EVENING.

Last chance to sign up for this social evening with our neighbours and friends at St Anne's.

PARISH GARDEN.

I appeal to those gardeners among you who might be having an autumn clear-up and are splittling plants which are too numerous for you. If you do have any which you think we could plant in the parish garden on the south side of the church I would be very happy to receive them from you to scatter on the wild area of the garden to encourage all sorts of wild life.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Mass next Sunday will be at 1115am, **NOT** at 1030am, to allow us to attend the Cenotaph at Kidmore End

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May we all have a calm and peaceful week. Fr Chris