



St. Michael's Bulletin



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, May2nd 2010.
5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am For our Parish Family	1030 am Frank Quinn
Monday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service	Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass	Thursday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass	Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Mass. Lily Deacon

FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Lord, send Your Healing Spirit on all who are sick or distressed: on 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, Denis Goodchild, Margaret Munter, Michael O'Neil, Mike Nolan, Josephine Clay and Barry Haggard.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray 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 Marjorie Burge, Peter McCann, Tom Reilly, Eileen & Jo McDermott, James Allison, Philip Hoban, Jean Howarth, Romano Martin Rodrigues, Margaret Bonner Mowbray and Vincent Gavin, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

A DAY OF DESTINY ?

On Thursday we are called to the polls to cast our vote for a candidate whom we would like to represent us in Parliament. We may take this event for granted, but it is not something other citizens of the world enjoy. Over the centuries brave people have struggled to win the right to exercise our freedom to choose who will Govern us. In more recent history women have gone to prison and some have given their lives in a bid to win the vote for women. So it is not a matter we should approach lightly, but ensure that we exercise our right to vote for a new Government and see it as a civic duty. All the commentators and politicians tell us that we are in dire financial difficulties as result of bad judgments which have been made by some who work in banking and financial institutions. These bad judgments have caused great problems with the way in which our financial stability as a nation is managed. The result is that when the new Government takes office we are told that it will be necessary to cut back on Government spending. This sounds sensible, but such cuts translate to lost jobs for many individuals and lost livelihoods for families. It does seem that whichever party wins most seats will have the task of giving us the bad news of where the dreaded cuts will fall. So let us prepare ourselves for bad news, but hope that as a result of the TV debates we may see the beginning of a new kind of accountable Parliament for the future.

PHOTO-CARDS

At the back of church you will see some lovely cards, which are photographs which Anne Webster has taken. I have put them there for you to view because it is frequently the case that I am asked for a Mass-card for some particular intention, and the Mass cards we have in the sacristy are not of a very high order of artistic beauty or presentation.

FIRST CONFESSION.

On Thursday the children who are preparing for first Holy Communion on May 15th will make their first Confession. Maybe we remember when we made ours; I would hope that there is not the same kind of dread in today's children.

PARISH COUNCIL.

Meets on Thursday of *next week*. If there are any issues or areas of concern which you would like to have raised, please let me or one of the members of the Council know. We would be interested to hear of social activities you would like..

MAY PROCESSION.

On Thursday 27th there will be a May Procession at School at 2.00 in the afternoon. We shall begin with a little Service in the school hall and then take the statues of Our Lady and St Martin to the new classroom, which will be open to viewing.

CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS.

Our school is looking for someone to act as Clerk to the Governing body. This entails taking minutes at the meetings and liaising with the Headteacher on a variety of matters. There is remuneration for this task. Please contact the Headteacher

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