# St. Michael's Bulletin

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, February 3rd, 2008

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Phyllis Delaney

9. 00 am Elizabeth McCormack 1030 am For our Parish family

Monday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service Tuesday 9.00am Eucharistic Service

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Mass at school at 8. 55 am** **Mass in Church at 7.00 pm**

**At each Mass there will be Blessing and Distribution of Ashes.**

Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass Friday 9.00 am Stations of the Cross and Mass

Also on Friday, at 7.00pm, the beginning of the Visitation by Bishop William Kenney

**Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls**

Confessions. Each Saturday, 1130 am – 1200 noon: and after Vigil Mass.

**FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.**

Loving Father, send Your healing Spirit on all who are distressed: those separated from their families and for those who have lost family and cannot find them. We pray for Frank Sweeney, Catherine Viner, Jacquie Bussell, Eugenie Micotti, Alison & Betty Gosling, Jack Daly, Philomena Smith , Ron Stephenson, Isobel Gillet, Marguerite Brosnan and Joseph Bradley.

**Bring them Your healing and peace.**

**FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY**

We pray for all who died recently, for all who have been killed in wars, disasters and accidents throughout the world. For victims of terrorism and oppression; for those who die of starvation or neglect. We remember Noel Pearce, Jimmy Thompson, Lilian Tresham, Derrick Palman, Richard Hoban, Eileen Leech and Joanna Sheehan whose anniversaries fall at this time.

**May they find rest in Your Love and Peace**.

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**LENT begins on Wednesday of this week with the traditional blessing and distribution of ashes.**

With the arrival of our plastic-card bills from Christmas, and the economic downturn we have an added impetus to be a little more abstemious. But reasons for Fasting during Lent should be based on a desire to discover what we really need in life and what is essential to our well-being and happiness. In Lent we walk with Jesus in the desert, journeying towards Easter and the New Life He wishes to share with us. Let us do this well and with conviction.

**LENT PROGRAMME**

Next week I shall provide a list of all devotions and activities for the parish during Lent. There will be Holy Hour each Sunday afternoon/evening in Church, with a different theme each week. There will also be increased opportunities for individual confession. I shall also encourage you to attend the Lent Talks at Sacred Heart in Henley ( please see the yellow notice on the board ) and will give details of the Ecumenical discussions taking place at Christ the King in Sonning Common on Wednesday afternoons and evenings. The "Walk with Me" booklets are available at the back of church for you to take today and use each day for your prayers and devotions.

**VISITATION BY BISHOP WILLIAM KENNEY.**

This will take place over the coming week-end, beginning in church on Friday at 7.00 pm. Bishop William will visit sick and house-bound members of the parish, and be available to anyone who might like a quiet word with him. He comes to offer us his support and affirmation for all we do, and share with us a vision for the future.

**THIRD WORLD GROUP**

There is an extra sheet today which gives a break-down of the discusion and ideas which we came up. If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions to add to what was discussed, please pass them onto me as soon as possible.

**CHOIR PRACTISE**

There will be a Choir practise on Saturday 9th, from 1030 – 1130, with special reference to Lent and Easter. There will be another practise before Easter. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us on Saturday.

**PARISH WEBSITE.**

If you would like to have this Bulletin delivered to you electronically please go to the Website, click "Newsletter" and then fill in the short form at the bottom of the page. It keeps you in touch even when abroad. Great!

**ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER**

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**May we all have a peace-filled week. Fr Chris**