



St. Michael's Bulletin



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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 3rd 2008

Vigil 5.30 pm Mike Brazil

9. 00 am For our Parish family

1030 am Holy Souls

Monday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Friday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass

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Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

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FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Lord, send Your Spirit on all who are in any way distressed: for those who have lost family and cannot find them. We pray for Claudina Rodrigues, Eugenie Micotti, Alison & Betty Gosling, Ena Wilson, Marguerite Brosnan, Patrick Cafferkey, Pat Sullivan, Jack Daly, Joseph Bradley, Alan Tillotson, Ron Stephenson, Margaret Compton and Bishop Peter Quinn.

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. For victims of terrorism and oppression; for those who die of starvation or neglect. We also remember in our prayers Joyce Price, Bernard Morgan, Nicola Juniper, Marie Wardle, Mary Fogarty, Ted Dockrell, Josefa Cano and Sylvia Buffery whose anniversaries fall at this time of the year.

May they find rest in Your Love and Peace.

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POPE BENEDICT IN AUSTRALIA.

If you wish to follow what Pope Benedict did and said please have a look at indcatholicnews.com
You may also like to have a look at his official statements if you go to the Vatican website. vatican.va
If you have a look at our amazing Parish Website then you will be able to find your way to being able to watch some of the videos of the Pope's visit. There is so much else to see and enjoy here, too.
When he arrived in Australia there was a welcoming celebration by the young people who had arrived from all around the world. Pope Benedict spoke of the great issues facing us today; violence, sustainable development, justice, and care for the environment. He said “. these concerns cannot be understood apart from a profound reflection upon the innate dignity of every human life from conception to natural death: a dignity conferred by God Himself and thus inviolable. Our world has grown weary of greed, exploitation and division, of the tedium of false idols and piecemeal responses, and the pain of false promises. Our hearts and minds are yearning for a vision of life where love endures, where gifts are shared, where unity is built, where freedom finds meaning in truth, and where identity is found in respectful communion. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. This is the hope held out by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is to bear witness to this reality that you were created anew at Baptism and strengthened through the gifts of the Spirit at Confirmation.. Let this be the message that you bring from Sydney to the world.”
Earlier Pope Benedict had expressed his thanks to the Aboriginal Elders who welcomed him and said how deeply grateful he was to stand on their land, knowing the suffering and injustices it has borne.
He also addressed those on the margins of society and those hovering on the edge of parish and Church life and encouraged them to step forward into Christ's loving embrace, and to recognise the Church as their home.

HOLIDAY PERIOD.

Once upon a time we might have regarded holidays as a luxury. In reality they are essential if we are to stay sane and healthy, maintaining a happy life-work balance. May we travel safely and return home renewed and refreshed.

AUGUST.

Named after the Emperor Augustus, this month is a busy time for farmers and tourists. It is also the “silly-season” when there is not much that is newsworthy and editors publish all sorts of trivia The hottest days of the year usually occur in August “Dry August and warm, doth harvest no harm.” and “ If the first week of August be warm, the winter will be white and long” are some of the sayings passed down to us. But can we trust them?

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POINTS TO PONDER

“How beautiful it is to do nothing, and then rest afterwards.” Spanish proverb

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MAY WE ALL HAVE A RELAXING WEEK, Fr Chris