



St. Michael's Bulletin



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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD , May 4th, 2008

Vigil 5.30 pm For our parish family

9. 00 am Elizabeth Mount

1030 am Jean Howarth

Monday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service.

Tuesday 9.00am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

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Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

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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, Claudina Rodrigues, Eugenie Micotti, Alison & Betty Gosling, Jack Daly, Ron Stephenson, Marguerite Brosnan, Patrick Cafferkey, Pat Sullivan, Ena Wilson , Eric Brent & Joseph Bradley.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Colonel Patrick Francis Gavin Barry and 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 Philip Hoban, Jean Howarth, Romano Rodrigues, Margaret Mowbray, Johnny Warman , Julia & Michael Keogh whose anniversaries fall at this time of the year.

May they find rest in Your Love and Peace.

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PARISH AGM. Today, at 1200 noon. We shall meet in the Hall for a shared "Bring-a-dish" lunch before our meeting. This Annual General Meeting is an opportunity for everyone in the parish to have their views, opinions and suggestions heard. It is a forum where we come to share with each other our vision of what we would like our parish to become and the way in which we would like it to develop. This is a coming together of all of us from each of the three communities which gather at the separate week-end Masses: one of those occasions when we meet those who come to a different Mass: a chance for the whole parish to come together: I hope you can make it.

PLANT SALE. It has been suggested that many of you who are working away to improve your own gardens at this time of year, may well have some plants which you are splitting and dividing. If you have any to spare, please bring some along to the Hall on the day of the AGM and we can sell them to help parish funds. I would love some rhubarb and lupins if anyone has more than they can cope with. The small garden along the wall on the south side of the church would greatly benefit from some perennials, shrubs and bushes if you have some to spare. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL. We seek new members: if you would you like to join the Council please let me know. The Council meets once a month and has responsibility for the over-sight of the parish and its activities. The Council makes suggestions and seeks views and opinions from everyone in the parish as to the way we should go.

CHOIR PRACTISE. On Saturday at 1030. You are all most welcome to come and join us, or just listen to us!

WORLD YOUTH PILGRIMAGE. Philip Theobald appealed to us last week for our support for this pilgrimage to which Pope Benedict calls the Youth of the World, in Sydney, Australia. You kindly gave £362.93, with promises of more to come. If you would like to contribute to support for this pilgrimage, please let me know. .

LITTLE RED MISSION BOXES. Many of you have these little red boxes at home, where you put your loose change, and when they are full bring them back here. In our parish we raise about £1,000.00 each year and we thank you for your constant generosity. The money you donate is used to help support the missionaries who take the message of the Gospel to places where it has not been heard. There may be some parishioners who do not yet have such a box but would like to have one at home. If so, please contact Peter Bussell on 972-2106, or contact me.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. The children will be making their first Holy Communion on Saturday May 17th.at 1000 am. The reason for the change of day, Saturday rather than Sunday, and for this reasonably early time is as a result of suggestions from the families who would like to gather at home for their own family get-together. Many family members travel great distances to be here for this important day, so time spent at home is precious. There will be a cup of tea & a biscuit in the Hall afterwards, but the current trend is to celebrate at home with family and friends rather than have a communal party in the Hall. The children will have a party at school later in the week

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MAY WE ALL HAVE A PEACEFUL WEEK, Fr Chris