



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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**27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, October 4th 2009.**

**Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Holy Souls**

**9.00 am Our Parish family**  
Monday 9.00am Eucharistic Service  
Wednesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service  
Friday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass

**1030 am Holy Souls**  
Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service  
Thursday 9.00 am Mass & Evening Prayer  
**Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Special Intention**

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**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 & John Conlon, Margaret Keane, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinnall, 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 Fr Denis Egan, Deacon Michael McCormack 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 Helen Cunningham, Joe Ashby, George Hajdu, Patrick Selwood, Annie Fallows, Vera Martin and Eileen Milne, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

**Grant them the joy of Your Presence.**

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**OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP.**

Bishop Bernard Longley, at present an auxiliary bishop in the Westminster Diocese, is to be the new Archbishop of Birmingham. Bishop Longley will be officially installed on December 8<sup>th</sup>, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of our Archdiocese. We wish him well. He was born in Manchester in 1955, studied at the Royal Northern College of Music and New College in Oxford. He became a priest in 1981 and was ordained Bishop in 2003. We look forward to meeting him.

**ST MICHAEL, OUR PATRON SAINT.**

Thanks to all who organised and arranged everything for the Parish Quiz Night last Saturday. It was a resounding success. At the end of the evening we tentatively agreed that we would have another such Parish Function, probably on the Saturday before Lent, which would be 13<sup>th</sup> February, when we might have pancakes and games, or even another Quiz. We will work out the details in the weeks ahead, but welcome comments and any ideas or suggestions you might have for such an event.

**"INSTRUCTIONS FOR MY FUNERAL MASS"**

This leaflet is available for you to take to help you plan for your funeral. It is designed to take all the hassle out of that situation, so that everyone in the family knows what the wishes of their deceased loved one are. You can nominate your chosen Readings and Hymns and make any other arrangements so that your family know and can respect your wishes. You can say whether you wish your body to be buried or to be cremated, and where your Will is kept. They are £1 each.

**ST THERESE OF LISIEUX.**

The relics of St Therese will be at the Oxford Oratory on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. They have been on pilgrimage round the country and have been attracting great crowds who come to pay their respects and seek her inspiration for their everyday lives. Saint Therese was only 24 when she died, but her simple approach of doing ordinary things as well as possible and seeing that her true vocation was love, endears her to many who seek to follow the ways of the Lord in their daily lives. Not everyone is enamoured of venerating relics, especially writers in our cynical media, but if Marilyn Monroe's dress, Elvis' blue suede shoes, Princess Diana's autograph or John Wayne's stetson were on view they would be there like a shot! And for years hundreds of thousands of people have queued at the tombs of Lenin in Moscow and Mao Tse-Tung in Peking.....and still do.

**VOICE COACHING.**

On Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> Miss Hannah Long of the Guild Hall School of Music will be here to offer advice on the use of our voice, whether singing or speaking. She will begin her teaching session at 1030am and will be here for a couple of hours. This is not just for members of the choir who sing at our 1030 mas, but for everyone who likes to sing, so please know that **you are all most welcome to come along** and learn how to project your voice and make best use of your speaking or singing talents. Maybe you only sing in the shower, the bath or the car; that doesn't matter. This session is intended for everyone and whether you sing in the choir or not doesn't matter. It is intended to help each of us make the most of our voices.

I am sure that after participating in such a session it will also help improve our congregational singing at each Mass.

**ST ANNE'S SKITTLES EVENING.**

At "The Gardeners Arms" on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Can we make up a team to go along? Please sign the list on the table.

**CLIMATE CHANGE RALLY.**

A coach leaves the Woodley area for this rally on December 5<sup>th</sup> in London. The aim of the rally is to ensure the world's leaders put the needs of the poorest at the heart of their negotiations in Copenhagen in the following week. More info on the board.

**RETIRING COLLECTION.**

The retiring collection for Fr Hudson's Society came to £500, much of which is Gift Aided. Thank you for your generosity.

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**May we have another calm and sunny week. Fr Chris**