St. Michael's Bulletin

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PALM SUNDAY, April 5th, 2009
Vigil 5.30 pm Betty Holohan
9.00 am Our Parish family **1030 am Gardner & Fox families**
Monday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Wednesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

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MAUNDY THURSDAY
7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
GOOD FRIDAY
1200 noon Stations of the Cross
3.00 pm Solemn Liturgy
HOLY SATURDAY
8.00 pm The Easter Vigil

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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, Alison & Betty Gosling, Ena Wilson, Marguerite Brosnan, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Nancy Keogh, Michael Boyle, Donald Garland, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher , Mary Comfry, David Roberts and Marie Evans.

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: victims of terrorism and oppression; and for those who die of starvation or neglect. We remember Eleanor Fox, \jim \roginski, Harry Selway, Lilian Muston, Josephine Legge, Kathleen Regan, Lilian Everett and Ina Dias, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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THIS IS HOLY WEEK.

This is the most solemn week in the Church's year: we recall the momentous events at the end of Jesus' earthly life.
May I ask you to note carefully the times of our services during the week.
Additional to the Services listed above is the "Walk of Witness" in the village on Good Friday at 1000 am.

PALM SUNDAY

Today we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. He rides a donkey – a symbol of peace. The crowds strew his path with palms, which is a symbol of honour and they wave them as He arrives – a symbol of victory. Today we receive our palms and place them in our homes to remind us that we too honour Jesus and wish to share in His victory.
We share in the reading of the Passion from St Mark's Gospel, after which we shall sit and reflect on what we have just heard.

MAUNDY THURSDAY.

We gather and recall the Last Supper Jesus had with His close disciples. He wanted this event to be perpetuated so that all people of all nations could share in it and be united by sharing His life. As we do so this evening our Eucharistic Ministers will renew their promises to adminster the Body and Blood of the Lord to us in a devout and reverent manner. We thank them.

GOOD FRIDAY

This is generally accepted as the most solemn day of the year, when we recall the crucifixion and death of Jesus.
Our village Walk of Witness begins at Christ the King at 1000 am, and members from the other churches join us as we walk, read the Scriptures and sing hymns to commemorate Christ's death. At 1200 noon Francis will conduct Stations of the Cross. At 3.00 pm we gather for our Solemn Liturgy to hear the story of Jesus Passion and death and we then share in Communion.

SISTER JOSEPHINE WALSH.

Our Lenten Project was indeed greatly booosted by Sister Josephine's personal appeal last week-end.
You gave £583.10 – a marvellous amount, which will be added to what has already been donated during Lent.
As some of the money has been Gift-Aided, this amount will be increased. Thank you all very much.
The swing-bin will remain at the back of church until Maundy Thursday.

CHURCH CLEANING

There will be another cleaning session for the Men's Team on Saturday, beginning at 9.00 am.

PARISH HALL

The new double-glazed windows are now installe and the Hall has been painted. It looks bright and fresh. Take a look!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This will take place at Fawley Court on the Marlow Road in Henley on Sunday 19th April.
The day will begin at 1000 am and end at 4.30 pm. There is a notice on the board with more details.

NEW ARCHBISHOP

Everyone seems delighted that our Archbishop has been appointed to be the next Archbishop of Westminster. We wish hime well. No one else would be able enough to take on this onerous task. But we now have to wait some months before a new Archbishop is appointed to succeed Archbishop Vincent in our own Diocese.

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May we all have a calm and peaceful week. Fr Chris