St. Michael's Bulletin

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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 5th, 2009
Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Michael & Julia Keogh

9.00 am Our Parish family **1030 am Holy Souls**

Monday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Wednesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Friday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service **Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Henry Jakubiszyn**

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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, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Nancy Keogh, Donald Garland, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher , David Roberts, Marie Evans, Rita Conlon, Margaret Keane, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinall, Tony Morrin and Frank O'Donnell **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 and for Richard Frankton, Marie Anschutz van Bree, Patrick Cottrell, Grace Coll, W Smyth, Margaret Mather, Maggie Carroll, Michael Werkalec, Chris Tynan, Helen Coyle, Jerry Ferris, Andrzej Jakubiszyn, Marie O'Shea, Jack Coyle, Christopher & Alf Wade, Martin Dougan, Charley & Mary Smill, whose anniversaries fall at this time**.**

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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"UNIFORM" MASS.

Today at our 1030 Mass childen from our school will be here, wearing their school uniform. This is to emphasise the connection between parish church community and our parish school community; we belong to each other and are part of one another.
But we have a difficulty with realising this more fully because our parish church and our school are over 3 miles apart. In most parishes the school and church are next to each other, and that makes it much easier to see the connection between these two elements in parish life, because they are seen as part of the same piece of "plant" and their relationship is obvious.
But because we are so far away we need to work out ways in which we can demonstrate our close connection.
Today's "uniform" Mass is just one small contribution to that process. Both the Governing Body of the school and the Parish Council are working out ways in which we can bring these two areas of our parish more closely together.

LEAVERS' MASS

On Friday there will be a "Leavers Mass" at St James in Reading at 1100 am for all the children who are leaving their primary schools in the Reading area. This is an opportunity for the children to come together and appreciate what they have received over the past six years of their lives, and to give thanks for the solid foundation which their teachers have helped them build for their future lives. If you are able to come along and join us on Friday you will be most welcome.

BLESSING OUR CHILDREN.

I mentioned last week that Bishop Kenney at Confirmation spoke of the tradition of blessing our children; Fathers blessing sons, and mothers their daughters. This is often done as children go to bed, or perhaps when they are in bed, being tucked in, and Mum and Dad come to kiss them good-night. A simple prayer and a sign of the cross is the perfect way to end the day.
And on those occasions when the whole family gather to eat together it is a good idea to ask one of the children to say a Grace.
There are so many things we take for granted; good food and a good night's sleep in a comfy bed are two of them.
Let us say "Thank you" for all the good things we enjoy in life, and let us encourage our children to become grateful people.

AWARENESS RAISING ABOUT DEMENTIA.

There will be a day dedicated to the understanding of Dementia, at St Joseph's Care Home in Coleshill, on Saturday August 1st, from 1000 am until 4.00 pm. It is hoped that the day will help to de-mystify some aspects of the condition and highlight the vital role which family and friends have in supporting the person who is suffering with the illness. There is a notice on the board with more information. You may contact Sally on 01675-434000 or e-mail stjosephs2@fatherhudsons.org.uk

MY DAY BY DAY.

The current issue of this little booklet is on the table at the back of Church. Please note that there are only 5 copies this month

TIME FLIES.

Here we are in July already! I was speaking with someone the other week who was amazed that time seems to be flying by. Now we all now that there are 24 hours in a day and each hour is 60 minutes long, but the perception amongst so many people is that time does seem to be flying by. Why is this ? Is it a matter of age, so that only old peple think time is flying? Or is there some other explanation? Do young people think time if flying by, too? Or is it that we are all just so busy and do not have any real amount of leisure time simply to sit and do nothing? Are we being compelled to think that we must be constantly active and busy doing something 'useful', and are therefore rushing everywhere, trying to fill every minute with something worthwhile?
When the poet John Miton went blind he became frustrated that he could not do anything actively or positively to serve God, but then realised that activity was not the be-all-and –end-all; he said " They also serve who only only stand and wait"
Having said all that, I now realise that I have just celebrated my 4th anniversary here with you as parish priest.
Now that does seem to have flown by! Well, it has for me. But how has it ben with you?.

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May we all have another sunny week. Fr Chris