



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, December 6th, 2009.**

**Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Lucy Shurvell**

**9.00 am John Lowe**

**1030 am Our Parish Family**

Monday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

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Friday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass

**Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls**

**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 Conlon, Margaret Keane, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinall, Frank O'Donnell, Gwen Payne, Pat Walton, Denis Goodchild, Margaret Munter, Michael O'Neil, Mike Nolan and John Coverdale.

**Bring them Your healing and peace.**

**FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.**

We pray for Jack Hickey, John Lowe 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 Peter Fay, Mary Dowd, Roger Carroll, Joan Woodward, David Bourne, Lesley Farquhar, Sheila Westcar, and Mat, Chris & James Fagen. whose anniversaries fall at this time.

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

**ADVENT**

We are now well into Advent. Our Scriptures introduce us to John the Baptist, the original "voice crying in the wilderness". John's mission is to prepare us for the coming of the Messiah by straightening out all the crooked ways in our lives. This is not an easy task, so we must prepare ourselves for the possibility of great changes. When Jesus comes He will call us to follow Him on a journey of faith which will open up great challenges for us. This is the adventure of Advent

**"WALK WITH ME"**

There are a number of these small booklets at the back of church as well as a few Advent Calendars for the children. There are also some current issues of "Bible Alive" and "My day by day" for Advent. Plenty of food for thought.

**ADVENT PROJECT.**

Thank you very much for £453 you gave last week for our support to the people of Cumbria. I sent a cheque off to the Parish Priest of Cockermouth on Monday with our love and best wishes. I told him that there would be more to come, but I am sure he will be able to make good use of what we have already sent to him for parishioners who have lost everything in the floods.

**RED MISSION BOXES.**

Thanks to all of you who contribute to the Foreign Missions by way of these little red boxes. By putting our loose change in these boxes we can make a big difference over each quarter to the poor in the Third World. Are there any families who do not yet have one, but would like to do so? Please contact Peter Bussell or let me know as soon as possible.

**READING "DROP-IN" CENTRE.**

Thanks to all of you who have so far contributed your un-wanted clothes to this centre. The Centre is asking for men's clothes, especially jeans. Maybe we also have the odd warm pullover we can no longer slip over our heads, an item which would be gratefully worn on the coming cold days. Tins of food are also needed; and I am sure we all have some we can contribute.

**FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS**

Our flower arrangers are offering a morning class in Flower Arranging next Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. There is a small notice on the board at the back of church; and there are small hand-outs with relevant information.

**MEN'S CLEANING TEAM**

There will be a cleaning session of the Church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>. Can we gather at 9.00am, please?

**ARCHBISHOP BERNARD LONGLEY.**

Our new Archbishop will be officially installed on Tuesday, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is the patronal feast of our Diocese. All the priests and deacons of the diocese will be present for this important event. Archbishop Bernard now has the task of leading us forward in the paths of Jesus our good shepherd and we offer the support of our love and prayers for him. How long will it be before he comes to visit us? In such a large Diocese it could be some time, but everyone I have spoken to about him says what a kind man he is and it may well be that he will make visiting the parishes a real priority. Let us hope so.

**MASS OF RECONCILIATION.**

This will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm. Please tell your friends from neighbouring parishes of our timing.

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