St. Michael's Bulletin

PARISH NEWS

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 7th, 2010.
Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Ellen Collins
9.00 am Our parish family **1030 am Holy Souls**

Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer & Mass
Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
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Saturday 5.30pm Anthony Rawlingson Plant

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

. **Bring them Your healing and peace.**

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for Fr Charles Smith 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 Eileen Leech, Joanna Sheehan, Patrick Sullivan, Marie King and Diane Fox, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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HAITI APPEAL.

Thank you all so much for your contributions Our total so far is **£1224.13, which** has been sent on to CAFOD. This organisation (**CA**tholic**F**und for **O**verseas**D**evelopment) has set us a challenge for Lent, which is:-

"WHAT WILL YOU GIVE UP THIS LENT?"

There are envelopes on the table to take away. Each one has various ideas and suggestions. This is a challenge we can all face. It is so contradictory that in one part of the world people die through lack of food, water and medicine, and in another spend great amounts in combating obesity, wasting water and pay good money for harmful drugs.

LENT COURSE.

Beginning on Wednesday 24th February we shall be joining this Lent course at Christ the King in Sedgewell Road. This year's course is "When I survey. Christ's cross and ours." You are all most welcome to attend these sessions which begin at 7.30pm with a cuppa and biscuit, and end with Night Prayer. There is a session at 2.00pm for those who do not like to come out after dark or who have children to look after. The sessions last for one hour.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER.

Are you cheerful, enthusiastic, a committed Catholic, an inspiring practitioner, experienced and ready to take the next step in your career? Do you have a good sense of humour, a passion for enabling children to acheive and the ability to enthuse and lead a team? If so, St Martin's school would like to hear from you. See notice on the board

AT ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL

An Auction of Promises on Friday 26th, at 7.30pm and a **Ceili** on Saturday 13th March at 7.30pm, £7 per adult. The Ceili will be in our own parish Hall. Tickets will be available at the back of church for those who want them.

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PARISH SOCIAL

On Saturday evening we shall have a Pre-Lent Parish Social. This will comprise a QUIZ and an interval for pancakes. Throughout the Catholic world there are great festivities just before Lent. The most famous are in Rio de Janeiro and New Orleans. The idea is that we all let off steam before the rigours of Lent set in, when our fasting and abstinence become part of our daily lives. These festivities are known as "Carnival", which means "farewell to meat" because meat was not eaten during Lent or Mardi Gras, which means "Fat Tuesday".

In our own country we celebrate Pancake Tuesday, using up all our eggs and butter before the fasting of Lent. This reminds us that in earlier years fasting was very strict, and neither eggs nor meat were eaten until Easter.

We should choose some form of discipline appropriate to our own lives. We will not all be able to do the same thing, but we should all do something positive......even for the sake of losing weight and becoming more healthy!

While at our Parish Social we may not be able to match the exhuberance of Rio or New Orleans, we hope to have a successful social occasion. **Are you able to form a Quiz team with your friends and family?** Children are most welcome to come along, and some quiz questions will be specifically for them; prizes will be awarded.

The social evening begins with introductory drinks and nibbles at 7.00 pm and **the Quiz begins at 7.30pm**.

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