St. Michael's Bulletin

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HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY, June 7th, 2009
Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Our Parish family **1030 am Private Intention**

Monday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass
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Thursday 9.00 am Mass for Paulette Waro
Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Brian Bird

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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 , Marie Evans , Rita Conlon, Margaret Keane, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinall, Tony Morrin and Katie Boyle.

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. Adam Hilliard, Vera Martin, Hugh Gilmartin, Maureen Burke, Arthur Burns, Bobby Alston, Bridget McDonnell, Stanley Smith, Mrs A. King, Elizabeth Allison, Brian Bird, Paulette Waro and Michael & Julia Keogh whose anniversaries fall at this time. **Grant them the joy of Your Presence.**

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THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY.

This is the most distinctive of our Christian beliefs; that God is one Divine Being, yet at the same time is three distinctive Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To express this mystery of God's being we use the word 'Trinity' But trying to explain this central mystery has given rise to many varied attempts throughout the centuries, the best known to us is St Patrick's use of the shamrock. Just read the other side of this Bulletin to find another couple of example to help our understanding..

It was only after the Norman Conquest in 1066 that a strong devotion to the Blessed Trinity was introduced, and intensified after Thomas a Becket ordered that it should be honoured as a feast throughout the nation in 1162, to commemorate his consecration when made Archbishop of Canterbury on that feast.

At the Reformation in the 16th century and for many years afterwards, many of the new Protestant churches were dedicated to the Most Holy Trinity as a way of countering the excessive number of churches dedicated to various saints which they saw as a practice which diverted our attention from God and needed to be reformed, so their churches were dedicated directly to God.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thanks to all who came along to the AGM and to those who prepared and brought the lovely food. It was good to see you all there.It was good to have a discussion about the way we are going and to voice any concerns we may have about that direction.I apologise that we did not present a Balance Sheet with the annual accounts, that was my fault.We shall present one very shortly. For those who wish to know about Parish Finances please be assured that while we did spend more last year than we received, our finances are in a healthy state. We have £10,258.73 in our current account and £22,000 in a deposit account.

It is important that we all keep an eye on our accounts because if it is decided that we need to build some kind of extension on the side of the church for a Liturgy Room for the children, combining it with a creche for the very young children, and the possibility of it also being a Meeting and Tea Room, then we will need to ensure we can pay for such an undertaking.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

There is a Solemn Mass and Procession at Mapledurham House on Thursday at 1100 am to celebrate this feastday. Gates of the grounds will be opened at 1000 am if you wish to arrive early. After the procession there will be an opportunity to visit the grounds and gardens and then to sit in the grounds and have your picnic lunch. Lets hope the weather is kind to us. We shall celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi next Sunday.

SAINT BIRINUS PILGRIMAGE.

This takes place on June 21st. It begins at Churn Knob, Blewbury at 1215 with a picnic lunch; the walk begins at 1.00pm. If you wish to leave your car at Dorchester a bus will pick you up at 1145am and take you to the start. Tea will be served from St Birinus in Dorchester from 4.30pm. There will be a procession to the Abbey at 6.00pm in order to be present for the Service .

ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL FETE

On Saturday from 1200 noon – 2.00pm. Stalls, games, crafts, Bouncy Castle, refreshments, BBQ and Pimms Tent. The School Orchestra will also be playing for us. You are all most welcome.Even if you have no current involvement with the school, not having children or grand-children, you are cordially invited to come along, support us and join in the fun. We are trying to strengthen the ties between Parish and School, and this is one practical way in which we can all help.

CONFIRMATION

On June 17th Bishop William Kenney will be here to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop William is now the Administrator of the Diocese, - taking charge, but not having full authority, - in the absence of an Archbishop. Bishop William will still be able to honour this commitment. Are there any who are not at our Catholic school who would like to be included in this celebration? Please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.

"MY DAY BY DAY".

The June edition of this little booklet is now on the table at the back of church. They are £1.00 each

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May we all have a peaceful week. Fr Chris