



St. Michael's Bulletin



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT. DECEMBER 7th 2008

Vigil 5.30 pm Peter Fay

9. 00 am Peter Fay

1030 am Stewart McEwan

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Saturday Vigil 5.30 Holy Souls

MASS OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION.

Today at 1030am, the children will lead us to a better understanding of the notion of "Caring & Sharing".

As they prepare for their First Communion the children go through a long process of preparation during which the Mass is broken down into its component parts and each part studied in order to give them a better understanding of the whole. As we share this process with the children our own understanding of Mass should be deepening, too.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

I was reading a small book by Cardinal Hume who said he had two suggestions for Advent. The first was that when we wake in the morning the first thing we say is "Praised be Jesus Christ"; this will focus our thoughts on God's love for us. The second suggestion is "Be forgiving" He suggests we seek ways to show forgiveness, even though the first step can be hard; it requires humility. But by our forgiveness we bring peace and harmony into our lives.

OUR ADVENT MASS OF RECONCILIATION is on Monday 15th at 7.00 pm

ADVENT PROJECT.

We shall be supporting BARNARDO'S during Advent. This organisation sets itself the task of breaking the cycle of deprivation in the lives of families and individuals who are caught in a trap of emotional and financial poverty. The swing-bin at the back will gratefully receive any contributions you wish to make.

CHRISTMAS CARD.

I have placed a large Christmas card at the back of church. It is from you to me, and from me to you, and from each of us to everyone else in the parish. Please sign it and make a contribution to the swing-bin. In doing so we are saving each other a great deal of money so you can afford to be generous to the Barnardo's swing-bin.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE.

There are names and addresses of such prisoners on slips on the table at the back. Please take one or two of these slips and try to send a card of greeting to one or more such prisoners to let them know they are not forgotten. Please look carefully at the instructions on each slip as a Religious card may not be appropriate, and may annoy prison authorities who will take reprisal against the prisoner. In most cases a simple greeting will be sufficient

CHRISTMAS TREE OF GIFTS.

The Christmas tree has little tags. Please take a tag off, buy the present requested and then place it under the tree. It will be given to a house-bound parishioner or to someone who is homeless and Christmas, with your love.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

On Thursday evening at 7.00 pm the children from school will be here at Church to present a "reflection" on the meaning of Christmas and the lead up to it during Advent. You are all most welcome to come along.

May I remind the children to bring a Birthday card for Jesus on Christmas day.

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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, Pat Sullivan, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Peter Gibson, Tess Lynch, Nancy Keogh, Jason Thatcher, Michael Boyle, Jack Edwards and Donald Garland.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for Stewart McEwan, Margaret Lewis 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 also remember Peter Fay, Roger Carroll, Joan Woodward, David Bourne, Lesley Farquhar, Sheila Mary Westcar, and Matt & Chris Egan whose anniversaries fall at this time.
Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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May we all have a peaceful week. Fr Chris