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FIFTH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 2009

Vigil 5.30 pm Bill Hoban

9.00 am Our Parish Family

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
 Wednesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Friday 7.00 pm Evening Mass with Fr Keniry

10.30 am Trevor Williams

Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
 Thursday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Saturday 1000 am Morning Mass with Fr Keniry

Saturday 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, Alison & Betty Gosling, Ena Wilson, Marguerite Brosnan, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Peter Gibson, Nancy Keogh, Michael Boyle, Donald Garland, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher and Mary Comfry.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for Trevor Williams 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 now remember in our prayers 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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As I write this bulletin on Friday morning it is snowing. Because of the strange weather we have been having lately we cannot really predict how the weather will be on Sunday morning. But we are ready for any eventuality, while at the same time hoping that what has been planned and devised for the children's Preparation Mass for First Holy Communion will be able to go ahead. If not, then we shall have another think about how to proceed.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

At our 1030am Mass the children will be helping us to explore a little more deeply the notion of "Reconciliation". As we accompany the children on their faith journey, we adults should be undergoing a sort of renewal of our own ideas, and a deepening of our own Faith. The notion of "Reconciliation" is at the heart of Christ's message to us. He came to reconcile us to God – and so we should all be reconciled with one another. If we could follow His teaching more closely and put all His teachings and ideas into practice then our world would be a much more peaceful, just and harmonious place to live.

Our Mass will be a St Martin's Mass – the children from throughout the school will be actively participating in Mass in all sorts of ways. They will come in school uniform, a sign of their belonging to our parish and school.

FR DAVID KENIRY

Next week-end Fr David will be with us again. You will remember that he came and gave us a 'mini-Retreat' in September and next week-end he would like to solidify and strengthen what he began last September, and help us deepen our understanding of reconciliation and healing. He will begin with evening Mass on Friday at 7.00pm, when he will explain what he intends to do for the rest of the week-end.

On Saturday he will celebrate Mass at 1000 am, which will be followed by a talk.

At 1100am there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with an opportunity for individual confession.

At 1.00 pm we shall break for a shared lunch in the Hall.

At 2.00 pm Fr David will then conduct a Healing Service with the Oil of Gladness.

This service helps us recover the joy of living after we have been knocked back by some of life's heavier blows.

There will be a shorter form of this service of blessing and anointing after the 5.30pm on Saturday evening.

On Sunday Fr David will celebrate Mass for us, and after the 1030 we hope to go up to the Hall for a shared lunch.

JERUSALEM JOY.

We have been invited by the choir of Sacred Heart, Henley, to join them in their Easter production, "Jerusalem Joy" They are looking for singers, readers and 'actors'. If you are interested, or just want to know a little more about what is involved, please come along to Sacred Heart church on Sunday at 3.30pm, when all will be revealed.

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

As part of the 50th Jubilee celebrations of "Christ the King" in Northumberland Avenue in Reading, CAFOD are providing a day for us to come together and reflect on living simply and being stewards of creation. The day runs from 1030am – 4.00pm and is free of charge. A simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese is provided. For more information, please see the notice on the board at the back of church. (Sorry that it conflicts with Fr David Keniry.)

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May we all have a peace-filled and contented week. Fr Chris