



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, November 8th, 2009.

### Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Holy Souls

#### 9.00 am Our Parish family

Monday 9.00am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Friday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass

#### 1115 am The Fallen

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Thursday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

**Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm John Conlon**

### 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 Vinnall, Frank O'Donnell, Gwen Payne, Pat Walton, Denis Goodchild and Margaret Munter

### Bring them Your healing and peace.

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

We pray for Sue Meyers 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 Father Frank Dawson, Mary Hunt, Bill Walton, Alfreda Hubbard, Nora Smyth, Winifred Ferns, James & Lena Donovan, Peter, James and Brian Bird, Bill Buffery, Geza Toth and Sylvia Warder, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

### Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This is a solemn day for our nation. Today we honour all those who gave their lives so willingly in the struggle for our freedom. We thank them for their sacrifice. This day of Remembrance was established after the first World War, to commemorate the Armistice which took place on November 11<sup>th</sup> 1918 at 1100am. Since that day we have paused on November 11<sup>th</sup> at the eleventh hour to remember also those who since World War 1 have died in the service of their country: a number almost too great to count. A fact which is being brought home to us very uncomfortably as we hear the sadness in the daily news reports coming from Afghanistan.

### BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

During the month of November we all make a special effort to visit the graves of our deceased family and friends. Today at 1.00 pm I shall be at Kidmore End cemetery to visit and bless the graves of our deceased parishioners. Next week Fr Giles Goward from St Anne's will bless graves at the cemetery on Henley Road at 2.00pm.

### ADVENT

Fr David Keniry will be here on November 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> to give us an over-view of what Advent means and deepen our understanding of the Scriptures we hear in Advent. I hope we can have a Shared Lunch on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

This also coincides with "Education Sunday" when the children from school will have an involvement in Mass.

### "CAFOD" for ADVENT

I hope we can use the time of Advent to seek our offerings for the poor of the Third World. The "swing-bin" at the back of church will receive our offerings, which will help alleviate the suffering so many feel as the result of wars and other disasters, which seem to be happening with great regularity in countries throughout the world. If we combine our efforts during Advent then we can make a good, solid contribution to such much needed help.

### CAFOD & WORLD GIFTS

CAFOD have sent us some Christmas catalogues of WORLD GIFTS. Please take a catalogue to find a present you would like send on to someone in the Third World. Living in a land of plenty as we do, it will be a useful exercise to alert our children to the possibility of buying a gift for a family in the Third World.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The programme has now begun at our parish school. Are there any children in the parish who are not at our parish school who would like to be included? Would parents let me know as soon as possible, please.

### ST ANNE'S SKITTLES EVENING.

Would those who have signed up please meet at "The Gardener's Arms" just before 7.30 pm on Saturday, please.

### ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

On Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup>, from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. The children will be able to meet Santa and put in their requests for Christmas. There will be a great variety of stalls so that everyone can find something worth purchasing.

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