St. Michael's Bulletin

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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, August 9th, 2009
Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Our Parish family	**1030 am Holy Souls**
Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer & Mass	Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass	Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Friday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass	**Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls**

Thursday 2.30pm Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium for Dierdre Stocks

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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, Judith Harris, Pat Walton , John Manning, the Howson family and Catherine Smith.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for Dierdre Stocksand 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 Sylvia Buffery, Josefa Cano, Elisabeth Regan, John joseph, Ralph Macarenhas, Sean Kennedy, Jack Faherty, Lily Dougan, Kathleen McGuire, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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HCPT.

This is the Handicapped Children's Pilgimage Trust which takes disabled children to Lourdes each year.
We have had an appeal from a local group, based in Shinfield, which consists of approximately 10 helpers and 8 children mostly from the Thames valley area. These volunteers come from all walks of life and dedicate a week of the year to caring for the handicapped children, who have a wide range of physical, social and emotional special needs.
If you have ever been to Lourdes I am sure you have been impressed by the way the sick are given a place of prominence, and you will also have been impressed by the selfless attitude of so many young people who give of their precious timeto help.
The local HCPT group are looking for a nurse to join them on their next pilgrimage which leaves on Easter Monday.
If you are interested to join such a group as a nurse, please contact Matt Busfield on 07868 609 997.
It may be that you would like to go along as a general helper, and be prepared to offer you time and energy to the young handicapped children. Please think about it, and if you would like more information please contact the above number.

OUR CHANGING SOCIETY.

You may have read in the press a recent interview with Archbishop Nichols, our new Archbishop of Westminster who noted that many of our young children are now caught up in the fascination of on-line chat rooms and networking sites such as Youtube, Twitter, Facebook and other such points of contact. The Archbishop thought that while we applaud such innovations we should also be aware of any dangers such sites may present. He was particularly concerned that they seem to inculcate a shallow form of communication, and one that is without personal contact, so that we count our 'friends' as those we have not actually met in real life, but only know through our contact via a computer or mobile phone.
There are also hidden dangers in that predatory individuals can pose as friendly contacts and arrange to meet someone they fancy – usually some young peson they find attractive and vulnerable - at a place of their choosing.
This is a warning to all parents to be vigilant if children are using such sites – and it is reckoned that children as young as 9 are able to find their way round these on-line facilities. If children spend rather a long time infront of a computer screen, then the Archbishop's warning should be taken seriously. Let us be vigilant.

APF. MILL HILL MISSION BOXES.

St Michael's contribution to this missionary charity has raised thousands of pounds, averaging £1,000. 00 per year.
But this year we have received slightly less. If you do have a Red Box then we appeal to your generosity over the next four weeks, as our final return for the year is due before the end of September. So we ask you to surrender all your small change, especially the pennies which are to be phased out very shortly. The collectors, Dom & Emmy Antao, Peter & Janice Halter, Bernard and Margaret Lowe and Peter & Christine Bussell, will be round early in September to collect your contributions.
If anyone who does not yet have a Red Box but would like to have one in the home to collect all your loose change, please contact Peter Busselll on 972-2106. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF CAVERSHAM.

There will be a Flower Festival at St Anne's to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the shrine of Our Lady of Caversham.
This will take place in St Anne's church on Saturday 15th (Feast of the Assumption) and Sunday 16th August.
Please see the poster at the back of church for more detailed information, thank you.

ST MICHAEL'S WEEK-END.

The Parish Council thought it would be worthwhile to explore the notion of a social event which would bring us together as a parish community and help us bond more closely together. So a Parish Quiz Night is being set up for the evening of Saturday 26th. There will be 8 teams, with a maximum of 8 people in each team. Food (nibbles), wine and soft drinks will be provided.

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May we all have a peaceful week. Fr Chris