St. Michael's Bulletin

PARISH NEWS

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. NOVEMBER 9th 2008
Vigil 5.30 pm Carlos Carrington
9. 00 am Parish family 1115 am The Fallen

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Tuesday 1215 pm Mass for deceased clergy.
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Saturday Vigil 5.30 Holy Souls

FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Lord, send Your Spirit on all who are in any way distressed: Claudina Rodrigues, Eugenie Micotti, Alison & Betty Gosling, Ena Wilson, Marguerite Brosnan, Pat Sullivan, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Peter Gibson, Tess Lynch and Michael Boyle. **Bring them Your healing and peace.**

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Molly Morgan, Carlos Carrington and all who died recently, for all killed in wars, disasters and accidents. For victims of terrorism and oppression; for those who die of starvation or neglect. We remember Fr Frank Dawson, Mary Hunt, William Walton, Alfreda Hubbard, Nora Smyth, Winifred Ferns, James & Lena Donovan, Peter & James Bird, Bill Buffery, Geza Toth, Sylvia Warder and Eunice Dover whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they find rest in Your Love and Peace.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Today we honour the nation's war dead and commend them to the loving mercy of God.

On Tuesday November 11th the priests and deacons from our deanery will gathere here at St Michael's for the Requiem Mass for Deceased clergy. This will be at 1215pm. I know that this is a very awkward time for most, but if you are able to come along then you will be most welcome.

BLESSING OF GRAVES.

During November we make a special effort to visit the graves of our deceased family and friends. This afternoon at 2.00 pm I shall be at Kidmore End cemetery to bless the graves of our deceased parishioners. Next Sunday Fr Giles from St Anne's will be at Henley Road cemetery at 3.00 pm to bless the graves of deceased families and parishioners of St Annes's parish, and for our parishioners too, for whom this is their resting place.

STUDY GROUP.

We continue the study group on Wednesday evening in the parish house at 7.30pm, meeting for one hour.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION.

The second Mass of Preparation will be next Sunday at 1030 am, with the theme of "Listening".

"SAINT MARTIN'S MASS"

Beginning on Sunday November 23rd our school wish to come and share actively with us in our Sunday Mass. The children will lead us in the Penitential Rite, the readings and the Bidding prayers. We hope that children from throughout the school will come with their families and that this will become a regular feature each term.

SKITTLES EVENING.

This evening has had to be cancelled. We hope to be able to arrange another such an event in the New Year.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS.

We meet on the first Monday of each month. We chat, drink tea, pray for our children and families and for any whom we think might need the help and support of our prayers. Interested? Phone 01491-681646 for more info.

NEW PRESIDENT.

The election of Barack Obama is a momentous event not just for the United States, but for the rest of the world. Some of us remember the euphoria surrounding the election of John F. Kennedy in 1961 and the great wave of hope and optimism which it engendered. Barak Obama's election is in the same mould. The huge number of young people he has inspired, and the way in which African Americans and other minorities now seem to feel empowered is a very positive sign of a gentler and more friendly and caring world. It was very pleasing to hear the almost evangelical way in which he spoke about "enduring hope" for the peoples of the world. Let it be so.

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I hope we all have a happy week. Fr Chris