



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD January 10th, 2010.**

**Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Ann Donohue**

**9.00 am Our Parish Family**

**1030 am Holy Souls**

Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer & Mass

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

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Thursday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass

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**Saturday 5.30pm Bill Hoban**

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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, Pat Walton, Denis Goodchild, Margaret Munter, Michael O'Neil, Mike Nolan and John Coverdale.

**Bring them Your healing and peace.**

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

We pray for 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 Patrick O'Sullivan, Thomas Stewart, Constantino Antao, Sheila Stone, Charles Harris, Sylvester Cottrell, Ian Manning, Keng Leow, Marie Prendergast, Eileen Levy and Bill Hoban whose anniversaries fall at this time.

**Grant them the joy of Your Presence.**

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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.**

Today we celebrate the beginning of Jesus' public life and ministry. The days of His infancy and childhood are now behind. We greatly enjoyed remembering and celebrating those wonderful times as we recalled His birth and the way the good news of His birth was announced to the shepherds and how the Magi found their way to Him.

The birth of a baby is a great sign of hope and joy in our everyday experience; but for us to celebrate the birth of the Son of God as one of us is an even greater joy and is the beginning of new hope for the whole world. Jesus now begins the mission His Father has sent Him on. He has come to join us in our humanity and His task is to guide us along the dark and dangerous paths which we face each day so that we can live our lives to the full.

**"BIBLE ALIVE." And "MY DAY BY DAY"**

There are a few copies of this month's edition at the back on the table. If you would like to ensure you have one each month, would you be so kind as to let me know which you would like, please?

**BLOOD DONORS.**

There is an opportunity to give some of your blood at The Rugby Clubhouse on the Marlow Road in Henley on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. There is notice on the board with all the details. How about this for a New Year Resolution?

**SCHOOL BEGAN .....briefly**

School re-opened last week, but the wintry weather meant that for safety's sake we had to close down. The children must have been delighted to see their friends after the Christmas holidays, if only for the one day before they were forced to stay at home. The same was the case here at Church. The snow prevented us from any services on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. **In such wintry conditions it is neither wise nor safe to come out from your home.** If such conditions persist during the week it would be best to phone before you try to come to Mass in order to find out what conditions are like down here, because it may be the case that you will not be able to get you car onto the car park – and then even if you can, you may be unable to drive it out after Mass. Let us try to be sensible and enjoy the time being hunkered down in our homes with warming drinks and stews. It could also be the fact that by being confined to our homes for the past few days we have been able to enjoy some unexpected quality time with each other, no-one being able to go outside except to go for a walk in the bracing air. But it has also been dangerous to walk on our pavements because of the underlying layer of ice. The conditions are like this we have to stay put, try to keep warm and catch up on reading some of those wonderful unopened books on our shelves which we have so long wanted to open up and get stuck into. Now is that time!.

**SIGNIFICANT DATES FOR 2010.**

Pre-Lenten Parish Social, Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Ash Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup>. Good Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup>; Easter Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup>.  
First Holy Communion, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation June 17<sup>th</sup> ( But this may change with our new Archbishop )

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**May we continue to enjoy our time with our families. Fr Chris**