St. Michael's Bulletin

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FIFTH SUNDAYOF EASTER, May 10th, 2009
Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Norman Morey

9.00 am Our Parish family **1030 am Alfie Willson**

Monday 9.00am Julia & Michael Keogh Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
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 Peadar Farrell**

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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, Alison & Betty Gosling, Ena Wilson, Marguerite Brosnan, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Nancy Keogh, Michael Boyle, Donald Garland, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher , Mary Comfry, David Roberts , Marie Evans , Rita Conlon, Margaret Keane, Peter Ridge, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinall and Katie Boyle.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for Alfie Willson 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 remember Julia & Michael Keogh, William Kenny, Bill Newman, Paurick Keogh, Richard Taylor, Leslie Peach, Kenneth Alfred Dean, Fr Robert O'Nell and Fr Xavier whose anniversaries fall at this time. **Grant them the joy of Your Presence.**

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

The children of the parish will be making their first Holy Communion on Saturday at their special Mass at 1000 am. This is a most exciting day for the children and their families, and you are all most warmly welcome to come along to celebrate with the children and their families. This is always a very joyful celebration and one which the children anticipate with great excitement. Do come and join us and perhaps reminisce about the day of your own first Holy Communion..

PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting we reviewed how Lent and Easter had gone and there was general agreement that our Services had been useful and uplifting. Numbers were certainly up, which is very pleasing. We made plans for the final re-furbishing of the hall. We have had a inspection from SODC and have to put certain Health & Safety measures in place, both in the Hall and Church.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Last week I suggested we should hold our AGM on Sunday 24th May, but after Mass it was pointed out to me that this falls on Bank Holiday week-end, it also coincides with school half-term and so many may be away with their families. It was then suggested that we move the AGM to the following week, 31st, so that everyone will have an opportunity to attend.

If we begin Lunch at 1200 then the meeting will begin when we have eaten, had a chance to chat together and feel ready for the business of our AGM. This meeting is open to everyone, and we hope that if you have not been to one before, you might be tempted to come along. It is here that suggestions are debated and decisions are made about the future of the parish.

ART CLASSES.

A Professional Artist has booked our Parish Hall in order to run a series of Art Classes, beginning next week. They are primarily for a adults,ie over 18s, but there is a class for children, aged 8 – 16 on Saturday morning from 9.30am – 1100am.. Times of the classes are – Thursday 1000 am – 1230; Friday 7.00 pm – 1000 pm: Saturday from 1130 am – 2.00 pm. Maybe those who are retired might like to think about joining such a class and putting your talents to good use. Why not come along and see what might be involved. There is a notice on the board at the back with more information.

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CAVERSHAM

The Deanery Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 31st May at 3.00 pm.. If you intend to come please bring your own picnic. If you do intend to go would you let me know today please. Unfortunately it now coincides with the new date for our own AGM.

GARDEN PARTY.

The Nuns who run Newman College in Littlemore have invited us to a Garden Party at Newman's College in Littlemore on Saturday 30th May, from 3.00pm - 5.00 pm. Strawberries and cream, scones, homemade ice-cream, handcrafted goods, games and a tour of Newman's College are included. Please see the notice on the board for all the details.

SAINT BIRINUS PILGRIMAGE.

This takes place on June 21st. It begins at Churn Knob, Blewbury at 1215 with a picnic lunch; the walk begins at 1.00pm. If you wish to leave your car at Dorchester a bus will pick you up at 1145am and take you to the start. There will also be a short walk from Brightwell-cum-Sotwell at 3.30. Teas in the village hall there will be served from 3.00pm and teas at St Birinus in Dorchester will be served from 4.30pm. Then there will be a procession to the Abbey at 6.00pm in order to be present for the Service which begins at 6.30 pm and will be led by our own Bishop William Kenney.

ONE DAY VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY AT OUR SCHOOL

Would you like to be involved with this "Young Enterprise" programme for our primary children ? People from all walks of life are invited to come into school to talk to the children about their own life experiences and their personal history of work throughout their life. This is to give the children an insight into into the rich diversity of work which is open to them when they leave school. It also gives them an expanded range of subjects and projects to think about as they continue their education. If you are interested to help with this programme, please look at the notice on the board at the back of church, or contact the school.

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May we all have a sunny and relaxing week. Fr Chris