



St. Michael's Bulletin



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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 10th 2008

Vigil 5.30 pm Our Parish family

9. 00 am Claire Ryan	1030 am Holy Souls
Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass	Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass	Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN	
9. 00 am Morning Mass	7. 00 pm Evening Mass
Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Michael McDonnell	

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FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Lord, send Your Spirit on all who are in any way distressed: for those who have lost family and cannot find them. We pray for Claudina Rodrigues, Eugenie Micotti, Alison & Betty Gosling, Ena Wilson, Marguerite Brosnan, Patrick Cafferkey, Pat Sullivan, Jack Daly, Joseph Bradley, Bishop Peter Quinn, Mike Coulehan and Harry Littlefair..

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Claire Ryan, Alan Tillotson, Deacon John Leach 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 also remember in our prayers John Joseph Walsh, Sean Kennedy, Jack Faherty, Lily Dougan, Kathleen McGuire and Arthur Burge whose anniversaries fall at this time of the year.

May they find rest in Your Love and Peace.

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BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

This service regularly visits the Village Hall here in Sonning Common, but I do not receive any publicity for those sessions, only those held at the Rugby Club in Henley. The next session is on Friday 29th. This is an important service which we can perform for each other, giving what may well be a life-saving pint or two of our own blood. If we have given in the past but have dropped away in our regular giving, then maybe we could make an effort to begin donating again at the earliest opportunity. If we have never done so before, it might be a useful challenge for us to take the necessary steps to become a life-saving blood donor. Please see notice on the board.

MALTA DAY

“MALTA DAY 2008”, takes place on Saturday September 13th at Westminster Cathedral hall, with a traditional Maltese fair from 1000 am until 2.00 pm. The notice on the board gives full details of the day's events.

THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

These famous games which began centuries ago in Greece were re-instituted in 1896 by Baron de Coubertin, who was so distressed by the wastage of young life which he experienced in the Franco-Prussian war of 1871, that he proposed a sporting contest for young men (it was only men, then) where they could show their strength and prowess in athletic activity rather than in warfare. Winning was the aim, but not at all costs; taking part was seen as the essence of these games and this objective became known as “The Olympic Ideal”.

The current games began in spectacular fashion on Friday in Beijing (Peking) in China. We hope they are in every way successful and exciting. I was in China in January and two things really impinged on me: first was the air pollution, which you will certainly notice when you watch any of the sporting events; and secondly the huge amount of public adulation that still goes on for Chairman Mao, even though he has been dead for over 30 years:he died in 1976. His picture is everywhere, but strangely absent at these Olympics. He it is who most famously said “Every Communist must grasp the truth; political power grows out of the barrel of a gun.” His murderous reign as Chairman will one day be exposed as tyrannical and the Chinese will then begin to wonder why they idolised him so intensely and for such a long time, but it was another famous historical character, also adored by his people who said ”It is not the neutrals or the lukewarm who make history..” He was the Chancellor of Germany, Adolf Hitler. Margaret Thatcher, much adored in our own country, said “I will continue to be the essence of sweet reasonableness” How fortunate we are in our politicians of any party, grumble about them how we may!

NETTLEBED ART & CRAFT SHOW

At Nettlebed School and Communty Hall on Saturday 30th August and on Sunday 31st. See notice on the board

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MAY WE HAVE A RAIN-FREE WEEK, Fr Chris