



St. Michael's Bulletin



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10th 2006

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Kathleen & Thomas Butler

1030 am For our parish family

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

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Friday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Saturday 5.30 pm Holy Souls

CONFESSIONS. Saturday 1130 – 1200; and after Saturday Evening Mass

Also on Monday: 1100 am, Funeral Service for Jan Rehor at Reading Crematorium

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FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Loving Father, send Your healing Spirit on all who are sick; Frank Sweeney, Catherine Viner, Bill Norman, George Buck, Eileen Levy, Alan Tillotson, Mary Burke, Jacque Bussell, Claudina Rodrigues and Eric Brent

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Catherine Murphy-O'Connor, and Geoffrey Thomas, who died recently; for all killed in wars, disasters and accidents throughout the world. For victims of terrorism and oppression; for those who die of starvation or neglect. And for John Lennon, Philip Lawrence, Roger Carroll, Joan Woodward, Sheila Westcar, Albert Eeckelaers, Lesley Farquhar, and Wojciech Motyka, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they rest in Your Peace.

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ADVENT PROJECT FOR THE HUNGRY & HOMELESS.

Thanks to those of you who have placed food-stuffs in the box, which will remain there until Christmas. I took the food up to the Christian Community Action shop. They pass it on to needy families in our area.

CHRISTMAS CARD

Thanks to all of you who signed the card last week-end. Anyone not here last week-end may still sign the card, provided you put a small donation into the swing-bin. Last week there was just over £50 in it. This card which we are sending to each other is now at the back of church: all you have to do is to sign your name. If everyone signs their name then we shall all have sent this card to each other. In doing this we are saving money and effort. To be homeless at Christmas must be the worst feeling in the world. We hope that our efforts may go some way to alleviating this burden.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE.

This will take place on Monday 18th December at 7.00 pm. All are welcome to our Annual Amnesty! When I was growing up we used the expression "Having a good scrape before Christmas.." to express the need for Confession. We want to have the opportunity to confess our wrong-doing so that we feel we are at rights with God, with each other and with our own inner selves before we celebrate this great feast. The practice of Confession is undergoing a great change at the moment because we are all unsatisfied with what we experienced as we were growing up. There is still plenty of opportunity for individual Confession, but many now much prefer the communal experience of forgiveness which we try to put into effect in our parish Reconciliation Mass. Previously there have been so many present that it takes a while for the individual absolution, so I have asked Fr Anthony Wilcox from Sacred Heart in Henley to assist me.

MASS TIMES AT CHRISTMAS

By now you should all have received the card with our timings on for Christmas. But if you have not, or if you have lost it then this may help remind you:- Saturday 23rd December 5.30 pm. Fourth Sunday of Advent 9.00 am & 1030 am. Sunday then becomes Christmas Eve and there is Mass at 6.00 pm, which will be tailored for the children. There will also be Mass at 9.00pm, which would be like the old-fashioned "Midnight" Mass. On Christmas Day, Mass is at 1030 am

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May the Lord walk with us through Advent: Fr Chris