



St. Michael's Bulletin



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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 11th 2009

Vigil 5.30 pm John Halter

9.00 am Our Parish Family

1030 am Nora Gallagher

Monday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 1100 am Requiem Mass. Marian Grepne
Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

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Saturday 5.30 pm Bill Hoban

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, Pat Sullivan, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Peter Gibson, Nancy Keogh, Michael Boyle, Jack Edwards, Donald Garland, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher and Mary Comfry.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray Marian Grepne, Delcia Rose Ingram 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 now remember Bill Hoban, Thomas Stewart, Constantino Antao, Sheila Stone, Charles Harris, Sylvester Cottrell, Ian Manning, Keng Leow, Marie Prendergast, Eileen Levy and Eileen Drever whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.

Jesus begins His public ministry today. By being baptised He is identifying Himself with all humanity and immerses himself into all our daily worries, anxieties and concerns as well as our hopes and aspirations. He now begins His task of showing us by His own example how life is to be lived, and how to react to disappointments, upsets and betrayals but still retain hope and faith in God's goodness.

UNITED SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.

We are the hosts this year for this Church Service, which will take place on Sunday 18th at 6.30 pm. I hope that there will be a good turn out from us as we welcome our fellow Christians from the other denominations in our area. This annual united church service is important in the strengthening and improving of our relations with the other Christian communities in our neighbouring villages. The Holy Father reminds us that it is important to share together in these services because of the great wealth of history, devotion and theology which we have as our Catholic treasury. It is also the case that the media seems hostile to Christianity (but dares not attack Islam in the same way) and we need to present a united front which will add strength to us all. Relations with the other denominations are very good; this friendly atmosphere is important in giving witness within our local communities, who so often look to us for a lead in those moral and ethical issues which affect the quality of our every-day lives.

BARNARDO'S "THANK YOU"

I received a "Certificate of Appreciation" from Barnardo's in recognition of the support we offered them (£650.00) from our Advent project. It said "Thank you for helping Barnardo's and showing that you believe in children."

THANK YOU FROM "DROP-IN" CENTRE

We also received a "Thank you" from the Churches in Reading "Drop-in" centre. It said "Please say a huge thank you to all the kind and thoughtful people in your church for all those presents. The guests were delighted to have a gift to open on Christmas day; for some of them it was their only gift. God bless you all. May you have a good New Year.

FR DAVID KENIRY

Fr David came to give us a 'mini-Retreat' on our St Michael's week-end last September. He is coming back to be with us again on the week-end of February 13/14th. He will be exploring the area of "Healing" and helping us recover from the damage done by all the hurtful and nasty things which have happened to us in the course of our lives. Healing is an important part of Fr David's ministry.

PARISH COUNCIL.

We propose that there should be a "Thank you" party to all of you who are actively engaged in various ministries in the parish, as a small way to show our appreciation for all the dedicated hard work which so many of you offer to the parish in order to build us up into a loving and caring community. Invitations will be coming your way soon and we hope you will respond positively to them.

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SAINT MARTIN'S SCHOOL.

Mrs Hogg will be retiring at the end of the summer term, so we are beginning the process of looking for a new Head. If you are interested in this post – or know of anyone else who might be – please contact the school and come for an informal look-around.

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May God bless us and keep us safe throughout the week. Fr Chris