



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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## 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

### Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Holy Souls

#### 9.00 am Our Parish family

#### 1030 am Holy Souls

Monday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass

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Friday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass

**Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Special Intention**

### 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 & John Conlon, Margaret Keane, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinnall, Frank O'Donnell, Gwen Payne, Pat Walton Denis Goodchild, Sue Meyers and Monica Barrett.

### 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 Eileen Milne, Mary Andrews, Thomas Butler, Stephen Boyle, Molly Morgan, Nigel Heshner, Jane Raynard, James Enright, Rosy Maria D'Silva, Gregorio D'Silva, Eric Gillett and Winifred Dougan, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

### Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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### "INSTRUCTIONS FOR MY FUNERAL MASS"

There are still a few of these leaflets available. Please have a look at them; they are designed to take all the hassle out of the trouble that may occur if you die without leaving any instructions for your family concerning your wishes. By filling in this sheet everyone in the family knows what your wishes are. The sheet allows you to nominate your chosen Readings and Hymns and make any other arrangements so that your family know and can respect your wishes. You can say whether you wish your body to be buried or to be cremated, and where your Will is kept. They are £1 each.

### ST ANNE'S SKITTLES EVENING.

At "The Gardeners Arms" on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Can we make up a team to go along? Please sign the list on the table.

### CLIMATE CHANGE RALLY.

A coach leaves the Woodley area for this rally on December 5<sup>th</sup> in London. The aim of the rally is to ensure the world's leaders put the needs of the poorest at the heart of their negotiations in Copenhagen in the following week. More info on the board.

### PARISH NOTICE BOARD.

Please note that one of the notice boards is now carrying information concerning our parish school. It is occasionally the case that parents who move into the parish with young children are unaware of our schools's existence. We hope that by featuring it in this way, and by providing a School Prospectus, we can make the school better known to us all.

### POINTS TO PONDER.

"If you give a man a fish, he will eat once. If you teach him to fish he will eat for the rest of his life.  
If you are thinking a year ahead, sow seed. If you are thinking ten years ahead, plant a tree.

If you are thinking a hundred years ahead, educate the people.

By sowing seed you will harvest once. By planting a tree you will harvest ten-fold.

By educating the people you will harvest one hundredfold"

KUANG-TSU, 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC.

### POLITICAL PARTY CONFERENCES.

It was interesting to hear our politicians at their annual conferences proposing remedies for what they see as our Nation's ills. The notion of personal responsibility came to the fore, with the accusation that the Government has become too big and bureaucratic, treats us as children and takes too many decisions for us which we should properly take for ourselves. Politicians say that such a denial of personal responsibility has led to a breakdown in our social structures and encouraged irresponsibility in a younger generation, which greatly annoys an older generation brought up in a different culture. Within the Church the same could be said to be true; that we wait for others to take decisions which we should take ourselves. That would certainly be the church which I grew up in, where we waited to be told what to do or not to do – to be told what was right or wrong and how we should behave. But we miss the whole point of life if we expect others to take our life affirming decisions for us.

The church upholds a principle known as "The principle of subsidiarity", which states that no-one should take a decision for someone else which that person is well able to take for themselves. This means that we are tasked with taking responsibility for the conduct of our own lives and cannot, nor should we, say that someone else was responsible for our behaviour

### ART EXHIBITION.

The artists who teach in our Parish Hall are holding an "Exhibition of Contemporary Realism" at The Old Fire Station Gallery in Henley from Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October until Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>. There are free tickets on the table if you would like to go along. This ticket entitles you to an exciting opportunity for a private viewing, when you can meet the artists and have a glass of wine as you view their exhibits which are then going to be presented into London galleries. All details are on the tickets.

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May we all have a peaceful week. Fr Chris