St. Michael's Bulletin

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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 12th, 2009
Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Henry Jakubiszyn

9.00 am Our Parish family **1030 am Holy Souls**

Monday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Friday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service **Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm James and Audrey Belletty**

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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, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Nancy Keogh, Donald Garland, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher , David Roberts, Marie Evans, Rita Conlon, Margaret Keane, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinall, Tony Morrin, Frank O'Donnell and Gwen Payne **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 Andrzej Jakubiszyn, Charley & Mary Smill, Timmie O'Shea, Frank Johnson, Nan Oattes, Marsha Kirby, Claire Ryan, Catherine Cottrell, Gladys Tomlinson and the 52 victims of the terrorist bombings in London, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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OUR FRAGILE PLANET. POPE BENEDICT'S LETTER.

Over recent years we have all become more environmentally-aware. We are also more conscious of the fragility of our planet and the life it sustains, realising that Planet Earth has finite resources and we should all play our part in helping ensure that these resources are fairly and justly shared with everyone else. But life is complicated and everything has a multiplicity of inter-connections, so it is difficult to come up with seemingly simple solutions to any of the problems we face.
He states these problems as; Economic development in relation to civic and political life - The globalisation of markets – Immigrantion and the movement of labour – Care of the environment – Cooperation between peoples and cultures – Relationship between duties and rights – Advances in technology and the opportunities they bring.
In the light of these problems Pope Benedict has written a letter to all his fellow Bishops in an effort to draw our attention to these problems, and offer a way of facing them which is possible and fair to all and is in line with Catholic Social Teaching.

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The basic problem is of human development and progress, says Pope Benedict,, which needs ethical guide-lines.
He says "Development is impossible without upright men and women, without financiers and politicians whose consciences are finely tuned to the requirements of the common good."
Benedict says that since the instinct for love and truth remains strong in most persons and peoples, and since it is never completely extinguished, then the work of true development can push ahead. Indeed,since love and truth is the vocation planted in us by God, so our identity and destiny as human beings is the only reliable basis for action and development.

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Care for the environment is presented as vital for human development, requiring us all to review our personal life-style.
The environment of the created world is inseparable from our human ecology, ie. those circumstances and values in which our humanity is nourished and flourishes.
When he addresses the current financial crisis, Pope Benedict points to a lack of fundamental moral criteria and principles.
He welcomes initiatives to reform and regulate financial markets to make them more ethical and moral.
He says that finance is always an instrument for wealth creation and development, and he looks for a greater sense in which wealth creation and distribution of the world's resources can be better acheived through social aid agreements and charitable foundations which will ensure that our world becomes more caring and civilised.
This Encyclical letter is called "Caritas in Veritate" which means "Love in Truth" and it is called an 'encyclical' because it goes all round the world to each of the Catholic Bishops, who then share its message with the people in their parishes.

BLOOD DONORS URGENTLY REQUIRED.

Blood stocks are much lower than required at the moment. We have received another urgent request to help our local hospitals so that they can ensure they are able to provide this life-giving transfusion to their needy patients. There will be an opportunity to donate blood at The Clubhouse, The Rugby Club, Marlow Road on Friday July 31st. Please see the notice on the board..

AWARENESS RAISING ABOUT DEMENTIA.

There will be a day dedicated to the understanding of Dementia, at St Joseph's Care Home in Coleshill, on Saturday August 1st, from 1000 am until 4.00 pm. There is a notice on the board with more information. You may contact Sally on 01675-434000 or e-mail stjosephs2@fatherhudsons.org.uk

WEDDING BELLS

Our warmest congratulations to Helen Rush and Bruce Armstrong who were married here yesterday.
May the Lord grant them a long and happy life together.

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May we all have a calm and peaceful week. Fr Chris