St. Michael's Bulletin

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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 13th 2008

Vigil 5.30 pm Henry Jakubiszyn

9. 00 am For our Parish family

1030 am Cotter & Aldworth families

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

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Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Friday 9.00am Eucharistic Service

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

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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, Alan Tillotson, Ron Stephenson, Ray Dellow and Margaret Compton

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. For victims of terrorism and oppression; for those who die of starvation or neglect. We also remember in our prayers this week Charley & Mary Smith, Timmie O'Shea, Frank Johnson, Nan Oattes, Marsha Kirby, Catherine Cottrell, Gladys Tomlinson and George Gallagher, whose anniversaries fall at this time of the year. **May they find rest in Your Love and Peace**.

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BRONZE PLAQUE

On the left-hand side of the outside wall there is a bronze plaque with the Papal coat of arms on it. I had hoped that we could take it down and give it a make-over. However, it seems to be so firmly attached to the wall that we shall have to have another think about what to do. Maybe we shall just have to re-paint it in situ.

PAINTING

The weather was so wet and rainy during the week that the painters were prevented from any work on the outside of the church. Let us hope that the weather will improve, not just for the painting, but for the simple reason that this is summer and we all need some semblance of warm sunny weather to keep our spirits alive!

NOTICE BOARD.

I am still in conversation with the gentleman who is making the new notice-board for the front wall of the church. We have now settled on a particular design and wording for the board, and I am awaiting for notification from him to tell me exactly how long it will take to construct the board and have it in place on our church wall .

SCHOOLS.

During the week the children from the top class of our parish school will be going to Douai Abbey with children from other Catholic schools in the area for a combined Leavers'Mass, which I have been invited to take part in. This gives them an opportunity to meet with other pupils who will be going on with them to their Secondary schools. We offer them every encouragement and our very best wishes as they make this important transition. But they are so very fortunate that they have such a solid basis for their lives with the years they spent at St Martin's.

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POINTS TO PONDER

"This we know:- the earth does not belong to us, we belong to the earth. Whatever befalls the earth, befalls the children of the earth. We did not weave the web of life; we are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves" Seattle, Chief of the Dwamish Native American Indians

"Enjoy the earth gently, for if the earth is spoiled it cannot be repaired. Enjoy the earth gently" Nigerian poem.

"Women do two-thirds of the world's work, receive 5% of its income and own less than 1% of its assets" Guardian.

AN HONEST PRAYER

" Dear God, I ain't what I wanna be;
and I ain't what I'm gonna be,
and I sure ain't what I ought be,
but thank You that I ain't what I used to be."

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MAY WE ALL HAVE A SUNNY WEEK, Fr Chris