



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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## THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Special Intention

**9.00 am Our Parish family**  
Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer & Mass  
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass  
Friday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass

**1030 am Holy Souls**  
Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass  
Thursday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service  
**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 and Sue Meyers  
**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, especially those who died at Locherbie, and for those who die of starvation or neglect. We pray for Donald Andrews, Johnny Gaudencio, Freda Miller, Esther Romano Zambrano, Helenor Kizer, Minnie Tillotson, Joan Warman and Arnold Fox whose anniversaries fall at this time.  
**Grant them the joy of Your Presence.**

#### RACIAL JUSTICE.

Today is designated as "**Racial Justice Sunday**". It is a day for us to examine our attitudes toward people from other races and ask ourselves how we view the changing face of Britain and Ireland. Would we think of ourselves as racist?  
Our population is increasing and people from many nations come here to make their home and build on their hope for a better future for themselves and their families.  
Over many centuries this nation has proved to be a haven for many who suffered persecution, and most of us come from a huge variety of backgrounds – in my case we would claim Irish ancestry on my mother's side, but Dutch on my father's side, yet on my passport I put "English" as my nationality. Our Nation has also been invaded over the centuries by the Romans, the Angles and Saxons, the Normans and we have proved host to refugees from a huge number of countries. We are very much a mixed race with a varied parentage. What we need to do is to accept this and not become judgemental about those who come here from overseas, because in a way we all have, and we still assert this to be our home and our country.

#### ST MICHAEL'S WEEK-END.

A Parish Quiz Night is being set up for the evening of Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be 8 teams, with a maximum of 8 people in each team. Food ( nibbles), wine and soft drinks will be provided. Members of the Parish Council will be in charge of a team each, and in the next two weeks will be looking for you to join them. Lists will be at the back of church for you to sign up to a team.

#### ARE YOU OVER 60?

There is a small leaflet at the back of church which has been sent to us from Reading Borough Council asking if you are getting the Attendance Allowance or Pension Credit you may be entitled to. Your needs may not just be about washing and dressing, but would include problems of continence, breathlessness, mobility, preparation of food/drink, fear of or danger of trips and falls, the need for supervision and memory problems. People who are caring, pay owner occupier service charges, still pay a mortgage are entitled to more money than the advertised minimum incomes. Please take one of the leaflets to find out more.

#### "NEWMAN NIGHT WALK"

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October there will be a "Night Walk" to commemorate the anniversary of John Henry Newman's reception into the Catholic Church. It begins with a short meditation at St Aloysius, the Oratory, on Woodstock Road in Oxford, goes via Rose Hill to the church of Blessed Dominic Barberi and ends at Newman's Chapel in Littlemore. There is a poster on the notice-board with more information and several contact numbers. Another "Newman" poster gives details of the pilgrimage to Littlemore on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, with Mass for the canonization of Cardinal Newman, followed by a tour of the College.

#### "BIBLE TODAY." & "MY DAY BY DAY"

The current issues of these two magazines are now on the table at the back of church; but hurry, there are only a few left.

#### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

We have received a very grateful letter from David Jenkins, who made an appeal to you on behalf of this world-wide charity. You gave £683.35, of which £417.00 was Gift Aided. In addition to the money collected, the purchase of devotional articles from the table totalled £117.50. David says your generosity will make a huge difference to their work around the world. Thank you

#### FR EDDIE BUTLER.

Fr Eddie has now returned to his retirement home in Ireland. He told me that he really enjoyed his time here, would be very eager to come back again sometime, but is now looking to recuperate and refresh himself before his next venture. I am personally very grateful to him for being here while I was away. It is very satisfying to know that you are being well looked after in my absence. And may I also say how happy I am to be back among you ( though I really did enjoy being away!).

**May we all have a peaceful week. Fr Chris**