



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, December 13th, 2009.

#### Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Special Intention

#### 9.00 am Holy Souls

#### 1030 am Our Parish Family

Monday 7.00pm Mass of Reconciliation

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

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 Holy Souls**

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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, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Nancy Keogh, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher, David Roberts, Marie Evans, Rita Conlon, Margaret Keane, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinall, Frank O'Donnell, Gwen Payne, Pat Walton, Denis Goodchild, Margaret Munter, Michael O'Neil, Mike Nolan and John Coverdale.

**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 Mat, Chris & James Fagen, Sue Carey, Albert Eeckelaers, Lesley Farquhar, Margaret Hall, Wojciech Motyka, Reg Adams, Bill Condon and peter Ellis, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

**Grant them the joy of Your Presence.**

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**GAUDETE SUNDAY**

Today is known as "Gaudete" Sunday, the Latin for "Rejoice", which is the opening word of the Entrance Antiphon. The pink candle on the advent wreath is lighted to indicate a lessening of the severity of the purple times we are in, and to express the joy we feel as the Lord's coming gets ever closer. Are we yet ready for His arrival amongst us?

#### ADVENT PROJECT.

The support for the parish of St Joseph in Cockermouth has so far amounted to £592. I sent more to the Parish priest on Monday and we have had a letter from him thanking us for our support. Fr Jim tells me that one of the unforeseen problems his parishioners are facing is that many have been refused insurance because of the previous history of flooding in that area. For that reason our support is greatly appreciated at this time of the year. You can view the storm damage done to the church of St Joseph in Cockermouth by looking at the website of the Church in Keswick, which is the Mother church in that area.

#### TREE OF GIFTS.

Thanks to all of you who have taken cards from the tree and bought gifts for the needy. There are a few more this week-end.

#### READING "DROP-IN" CENTRE.

Thanks to all of you who have so far contributed your un-wanted clothes to this centre. I am sure that you are all aware of how there will always be such a demand for what we regard as our cast-offs, but which are so welcome to those who have so little.

#### CHOIR PRACTICE

On Saturday there will be a shared lunch in the parish house, followed by a choir practice in church. The lunch will begin at about 1.30pm and the choir practice will follow. You are all invited to come along for the lunch or the choir practice or both. I regret that I cannot be present; I am conducting a family wedding in North Staffordshire.

Fr Jacob Lewis will be here on Saturday evening to celebrate the 5.30pm Mass with you

#### MEN'S CLEANING TEAM

There will be a cleaning session of the Church on Saturday. Can we gather at 9.00am, please? But if you can only arrive at a later hour it does not matter as long as we give the church a good cleaning before Christmas Eve.

#### CHRISTMAS CARD

We all love receiving Christmas cards. The original notion of such a card was that it was to greet with our best wishes those whom we would NOT see at Christmas time. The tradition of sending of cards has got slightly out of hand and we send cards to almost everyone we know, regardless of whether we will see them or not. To help us get over this problem I have placed a large Christmas card on the table at the back of church and it says "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU" I have already signed it and I suggest we all sign it, and by doing so it will mean that we will all have sent one another a card. May I also suggest that you put 20p (at least!) into the Advent Project swing-bin to off-set the great savings we have made by not buying and sending each other individual cards.

#### MASS OF RECONCILIATION.

This will take place on Monday at 7.00 pm. Please tell your friends from neighbouring parishes of our timing.

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