



St. Michael's Bulletin



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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 14th, 2010.

Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Anthony Rawlingson Plant

9.00 am Our parish family

1030 am Holy Souls

Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer & Mass

Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

ASH WEDNESDAY

Morning Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes at 9.00 am

Evening Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes at 7.00 pm

Thursday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass

Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Saturday 5.30pm 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 and Mike Nolan.

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 Diane Fox, Joan Leach, Delia Davies, Harold Price, John Dowd, Peter Davies, Avito Benedict Da Silva, Eileen Arkell, Bridie Bonner and Jimmy Thompson whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY.

This is the beginning of an important time not just in the Church's year, but in our own personal lives, too. We often hear Governments saying we must tighten our belts, for economic reasons. Now the church asks us to tighten our belts for personal reasons and encourages us to undergo a period of discipline in our daily routines. We are challenged to take a good look at our lives and try to discover just what it is we absolutely need for our daily lives, and therefore what we can genuinely do without. Recently we have seen floods in Cumbria and earthquakes in Haiti and have perhaps wondered how we would survive in those conditions. But people do survive if they have the basic requirements of food and shelter and support from their neighbours.

Lent is a time for each of us to ask "What is the minimum I need to survive?" and so the tradition of "giving up something for Lent" came about, trying to discover what we can do without. This was modified some time ago with the notion of "What will I take up during Lent?" suggesting that there are positive activities we can begin during Lent. Reading the "Walk with Me" booklet was one of the suggestions, along with an effort to come to Mass during the week, or take part in some Lenten devotion such as the Stations of the Cross, Holy Hour or an ecumenical discussion group about our shared Faith. Quietly reading a chapter from one of the Gospels each day is very rewarding. But we should all do something, and the little coloured leaflets at the back of church give us some suggestions. The Swing Bin will be there throughout Lent to accept any donations we wish to make for the poor and starving of our world, as we restrain our appetites and share from our abundance with the world's poor.

"WHAT WILL YOU GIVE UP THIS LENT?"

The envelopes on the table have various ideas and suggestions. This is a challenge we can face. Please choose one.

LENT COURSE.

Beginning on Wednesday 24th February there is a Lent course at Christ the King in Sedgewell Road. You are all most welcome to attend these sessions which begin at 7.30pm with a cuppa and biscuit, and end with Night Prayer. There is a session at 2.00pm for those who do not like to come out after dark or who have children to look after.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER.

Are you cheerful, enthusiastic, a committed Catholic, an inspiring practitioner, experienced and ready to take the next step in your career? Do you have a good sense of humour, a passion for enabling children to achieve and the ability to enthuse and lead a team? If so, St Martin's school would like to hear from you. See notice on the board

AT ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL

An Auction of Promises on Friday 26th, at 7.30pm and a **Ceili** on Saturday 13th March at 7.30pm, £7 per adult. The Ceili will be in our own parish Hall. Tickets will be available at the back of church for those who want them.

RESOLUTIONS FOR LENT

Think deeply; speak gently; love much; laugh often; work hard; give freely; pay promptly; pray earnestly; be kind.

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