



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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**4th SUNDAY OF LENT, March 14th, 2010.**

**Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Caroline McKenzie-Low**

**9.00 am For our Parish Family**

Monday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass  
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass  
Friday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

**1030 am For the Puszczynski family**

Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass  
Thursday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass

**Saturday 5.30pm Holy Souls**

**Please note: No Evening Mass on Friday**

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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 Dorothy Flannery, Mamie Connors, Molly Luby, Henry Kerr, Donna Armstrong, Doreen D'Souza, Alan Dant and Mary Fallon, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

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

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**MOTHERING SUNDAY.**

Today we offer our very best wishes to all Mums and Grandmas in the parish.  
We hope you enjoy being pampered by all your family on this, your special day.

There are various theories about how this Sunday came to be so named. Some say that it is the nearest Sunday to the feast of the Annunciation when the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to become the Mother of the Lord. But there is a tradition of several centuries ago in this country that servants and apprentices were given time off to spend with their families in the church where they had been baptised. They presented their mothers with a cake made with eggs, butter and the very best flour and covered in marzipan, ingredients which were not used for the rest of Lent. So we hope that all our Mothers will enjoy many special treats today

The young children of our school will lead us in our Scripture Readings at our 1030 Mass today.

**CONFESSION IN LENT**

Our Reconciliation Service will be at 7.00 pm on Monday March 29<sup>th</sup>. But for those who would like to make an individual Confession, I shall be in the sacristy during Holy Hour for anyone who wishes to come along.

**LENTEN ALMS**

Thanks for all your offerings, which so far total £645.82. Thank you all very much. I am sure we all appreciate that there will never be an end to demands on our generosity for help for those in distress of one kind or another.

Because we have had so many different envelopes sent to us for Lent **I quite forgot about Family Fast Day**, which was two weeks ago. This is a very bad mistake on my part, but I hope we can make up for it by taking one of the small coloured envelopes on the table to put our offerings into it and then placing them in the swing-bin. We can of course put our charitable donations into the swing-bin at any time, whether in a coloured envelope or not.

**LENT COURSE.**

There is a Lent course on St Paul at Sacred Heart in Henley on Monday, discussing St Paul's letter to the Galatians. And a Lent course at Christ the King on Wednesday at 7.30 pm discussing the significance of the Cross in our lives

**FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP.**

There will be another workshop on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> in the Hall.

There are forms on the table at the back of church for those of you who would like to come along on that day.

**READERS NEEDED**

Thanks to those of you who have come forward to volunteer – especially new readers - for the services during Holy Week, on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Are there any more of you who would like to join the Readers' Rota? Please contact Brian Theobald, Deacon Francis or myself.

**DROP-IN CENTRE.**

We have received a very complimentary letter from the Reading Drop-In centre not only for the wonderful Christmas gifts we sent, but also for the great collection of clothes we send with great regularity to them. They are ever so grateful that we show such thoughtful kindness to the least privileged of our townfolk.

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