St. Michael's Bulletin

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CORPUS CHRISTI, June 14th, 2009
Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Brian Bird

9.00 am Our Parish family **1030 am Cotter & Aldworth families**

Monday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Wednesday 7.00 pm CONFIRMATION MASS Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass **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, Alison & Betty Gosling, Ena Wilson, Marguerite Brosnan, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Nancy Keogh, Michael Boyle, Donald Garland, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher , Mary Comfry, David Roberts , Marie Evans , Rita Conlon, Margaret Keane, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinall, Tony Morrin and Katie Boyle.

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. Michael and Julia Keogh, Brian Bird,Mary Cunningham, Stan Goodchild, Bridie Burke, Kieran Cotter and Marlene Fernandes,. whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI.

Today's feast is a thanksgiving to God for the gift of Himself to us in Holy Communion. But inspite of this belief it is only relatively recently that the practice of frequent reception of Holy Communion has become commonplace. There may be some senior parishioners who can recall that it was the case that we received Holy Communion perhaps once a month or even less frequently. Some would only receive Holy Communion once a year and that would have been to fulfill our Easter Duties. Nowadays we are encouraged to receive at each Mass we attend, even if we attend more than one Mass each day.
But such freedom has the side-effect that we may not retain the reverence which is due to the reception of Holy Communion. On today's feast we all need to reflect and examine our attitudes and behaviour and the manner in which we receive both the Sacred Host and the Precious Blood. It is true that we can all become a little lax, priest and people, because of the frequency with which we do receive. Let us try to treat each occasion with the reverence and dignity it deserves.

CONFIRMATION

On Wednesday we welcome Bishop William Kenney to our parish. He will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at 7.00pm. You are all most cordially welcome to come along and share with the children and their families in this happy event.
We offer our best wishes to the children who will be confirmed. We pray that this will prove to be an important moment for them in their young lives, and help them take wise decisions for their future so that they can make the most of their many talents.
Bishop Kenney is acting as Diocesan Administrator at the moment, in the inter-regnum between our previous Archbishop, Vincent Nichols and whoever is to be our next Archbishop. The process can be quite a lengthy one, as the decision is made eventualy in Rome, but goes through an exhaustive process here in our own Diocese as many opinions are sought.
Bishop Kenney was bought up in Birmingham and joined the religious order of the Passionist Fathers in 1963.
In 1987 he was apponted Bishop in Stockholm, Sweden, and taught at the University there. He is now the spokeman for our Bishops on European questions. In 2007 Pope Benedict appointed him to be one of our Bishops in this Diocese
We hope he has a long and happy ministry as our area Bishop; we are delighted to welcome him once again to St Michael's.

ART CLASSES.

During the week I was in the Hall talking to the people who are running the art classes. I promised that I would mention them again, encouraging you to think of taking up such a course in retirement. They encourage all levels of talent, from beginners to experts. They also paint personal portraits. They have just finished one of Boris Johnson, which was on display in the Hall during the week. Would any of you have such an ambition for yourself, or want to treat your husband/wife to such a gift on the occasion of a special birthday or wedding anniversary?

SAINT BIRINUS PILGRIMAGE

This takes place on June 21st. It begins at Churn Knob, Blewbury at 1215 If you wish to leave your car at Dorchester a bus will pick you up at 1145am. Tea will be served from St Birinus from 4.30pm. There will be a procession to the Abbey at 6.00pm.ice .

ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL FETE

Thanks to all those who came along to support the school on Saturday. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon. Thank you.

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

The relics of St Therese are being exposed for veneration in churches throughout England and Wales in the autumn. They will be in the Oratory in Oxford on 7th and 8th October. There are leaflets at the back of church with all the details of the services.

VINCENT GAVIN.

This name apppears in our Anniversary book for May 7th. During the week I had a phone call from somone of this same name who would like to know who placed this name there, on the grounds that he may have unknown relatives in the parish.
Would the person who wrote the name in the book please make themselves known to me or perhaps phone or send an e-mail to me with any information they may have about Vincent Gavin and other members of the family. Thank you

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May we all have a warm and sunny week. Fr Chris