



St. Michael's Bulletin



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THE FEAST OF THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS. SEPTEMBER 14th 2008

Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9. 00 am Parish family

10.30 am Holy Souls

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

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Saturday Vigil 5.30 Holy Souls

FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Lord, send Your Spirit on all who are in any way distressed: Claudina Rodrigues, Eugenie Micotti, Alison & Betty Gosling, Ena Wilson, Marguerite Brosnan, Patrick Cafferkey, Pat Sullivan, Jack Daly, Joseph Bradley, Bishop Peter Quinn, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Ita Ryan, Peter Gibson and Jean Dwyer.

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. For victims of terrorism and oppression; for those who die of starvation or neglect. We also remember in our prayers Donald Andrews, Johnny Gaudencio, Freda Miller, Esther Roman Zambrano, Helenor Kizer, Minnie Tillotson, Arnold Fox and Frank Pearce whose anniversaries fall at this time of the year.

May they find rest in Your Love and Peace.

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Father John Ells was delighted to be here for the past few weeks; he enjoyed it immensely.

I am very grateful to Fr John for his willingness to come and act as locum in my absence.

I feel much more comfortable when I am away knowing that you are all in safe and caring hands.

During my time away I went to Mass in St Michael's church in Hammerfest, Norway. It is the most northerly Catholic parish in the world, and has a very fine mosaic outside the church as well as a lovely new piece of stained glass depicting Saint Michael. I shall try to get them on to the parish website. This is inside the Arctic Circle, but the parish has a very cosmopolitan congregation; Norwegians, Africans, Poles, Philipinos. The priest is Polish. I spoke with him and we agreed that we might try to set up a gentle form of "twinning". This is an idea I shall put before our Parish Council, which meets this week, and see if it is an idea we might explore more fully. The church was built by German volunteers after World War II as an act of reparation for all the destruction

READING DROP-IN CENTRE

This Centre is always in need of food and men's clothing for its many attendees. Now that we are back from our holidays, we gents might have a good sort out of those clothes which we realise have now shrunk a little, and which we now know we shall never be able to get into again. Let us sort out all our clothes which are now the wrong size or shape and put them into a plastic bag and leave them at the back of church. Thank you.

CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be a choir practice in church on Saturday, from 1030 – 1130. All welcome to come and join us. We shall shortly begin to use the new set of hymn books. This new hymnal contains a great deal more hymns, and also provides a greater number of settings for singing the parts of the Mass such as the Kyrie, Gloria, Holy, holy, holy and Lamb of God. We might also think of introducing a small amount of Latin Gregorian chant.

SAINT MICHAEL'S WEEKEND

In two weeks time Fr David Keniry will be with us from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th to lead us all in a mini-retreat. Fr David usually concentrates on the way each of us can live out the demands of Jesus Gospel in the ordinary events of our everyday lives. It is important that we take the opportunity provided by Fr David to develop our own spirituality and determine what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Be sure to bring a friend with you.

PARISH GARDEN

I hope to turn the top part of the parish garden at the south side of the church into a kind of 'wild' area. If you are splitting shrubs and bushes in your own gardens or have some seeds from some of your favourite flowers would you be prepared to pass them on to me so that we can begin planting them before winter sets in?

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It was marvellous to get away, but it really is good to be back home. Fr Chris.