



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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## SIXTH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 2009

**Vigil 5.30 pm Andrew Timothy**

**9.00 am Our Parish Family**  
Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass  
Wednesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service  
Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

**10.30 am Holy Souls**  
Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service  
Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass  
**Saturday 5.30 Vigil Mass for Andrew Timothy**

**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, Peter Gibson, Nancy Keogh, Michael Boyle, Donald Garland, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher and Mary Comfry.

**Bring them Your healing and peace.**

**FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.**

We pray for Andrew Timothy, Barbara Gandy, Eugene Herbert and all who died recently, especially those killed in the bush-fires in Australia, for all killed in wars, disasters and accidents: victims of terrorism and oppression; and for those who die of starvation or neglect. We remember Joan Leach, Delia Davies, Harold Price, John Dowd, Avito Da Silva, Peter Davies, Eileen Arkell, Bridie Bonner, Jimmy Thompson and Mary Ann Kennedy, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

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

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**FR DAVID KENIRY**

We welcome Fr David back with us. You will remember that he came and gave us a 'mini-Retreat' in September and now he has returned to help us solidify and strengthen what he began last September, helping us deepen our understanding of reconciliation and healing. Today after our 5.30 pm he will offer the opportunity for those who were unable to come to the afternoon session to receive the anointing with the Oil of Gladness.

He will, explain what this entails and invite you to stay behind after Mass for a few minutes.

On Sunday Fr David will celebrate Mass for us, when he will explain to those who were unable to attend any of the events of the week-end what his purpose and intention has been in coming down to us.

After the 1030 we shall go up to the Hall for a shared lunch, and spend time chatting with each other. Great!

**PARISH HALL.**

It was decided by the Parish Council that the Parish Hall should be our focus for the year ahead. It needs a little up-dating and some improvements need to be made. Consequently we have called in various experts and shortly we shall replace the windows and doors, so that we are double-glazed and a little more secure with better doors and windows at ground level. The discoloured ceiling tiles will be replaced and another layer of insulation will be put in the loft to prevent heat loss, and with the addition of cavity-wall insulation we should be much warmer. We also intend to have new tables and chairs. When these tasks have been completed we should think about being repainted, and have a notice-board set up by the path with all relevant information for passers-by. It is hoped that this will be completed by early summer.

**LENT.**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be Mass and distribution of Ashes at school in the morning and here at Church in the evening. During lent there will be various devotional services, but I would be happy to hear from you if you have suggestions for services we have not previously provided. Stations of the Cross are the most popular devotion during Lent, and we have sometimes performed this exercise at the beginning of Mass during the week, as well as on Sunday afternoon during a Devotional Holy Hour.

**CAFOD FAST DAY. March 6th**

As an integral part of Lent we are asked as families to set aside one day when we will all fast, ie. Eat less food than we would normally eat and give the money we save to the starving. Not only is this a useful way of raising money for the poorest and hungriest in our world, but if we really do fast and feel really hungry, then it sensitises us to do more for those for whom hunger is an everyday reality. For us it is no more than a nine-hour wonder.

Many try to set aside each Friday during Lent as a day of fasting and prayer, giving the money saved to the poor.

**CAFOD Fast Day Envelopes** are already at the back of church; please take one for you family and perhaps one or two for friends who are not Catholics who might like to share in this worthwhile exercise.

Even on the level of vanity fasting is useful. We reduce our personal bulk and thereby lessen our carbon footprint. It can sharpen our minds and give us better concentration. Maybe we should all, in a gentle way, try to eat less and make fewer visits to the supermarket, and make a Lenten resolution never to throw any food away.

**"JERUSALEM JOY"**

Sacred Heart Church choir in Henley has asked us to join them in their Easter production of "Jerusalem Joy". If you are interested to join as singer, musician, reader or 'actor' then please come along to the practice, which takes place each Sunday at 3.30 pm at Sacred Heart church, Vicarage Road, Henley.

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**May we all have a peaceful week. Fr Chris**