St. Michael's Bulletin

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PALM SUNDAY , March 16th, 2008
Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls
9. 00 am For our Parish family 1030 am Holy Souls
Monday 7.00 pm Reconciliation Mass Tuesday 9.00am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass

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MAUNDY THURSDAY
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00 pm
GOOD FRIDAY
Solemn Liturgy at 3.00 pm
HOLY SATURDAY
Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter 7.00pm

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FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Loving Father, send Your healing Spirit on all who are distressed: those separated from their families and for those who have lost family and cannot find them. We pray for Frank Sweeney, Jacquie Bussell, Eugenie Micotti, Alison & Betty Gosling, Jack Daly, Philomena Smith , Ron Stephenson, Marguerite Brosnan, Patrick Cafferkey and Joseph Bradley.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Baby Joseph and all who died recently, for all who have been killed in wars, disasters and accidents throughout the world. For victims of terrorism and oppression; for those who die of starvation or neglect. We remember Mamie Connors, Molly Luby, Mary & Henry Kerr, Donna Armstrong, Alan Dant, Mary Fallon and Iva Andrews, whose anniversaries fall at this time of the year. **May they find rest in Your Love and Peace**.

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THIS IS HOLY WEEK.

This is the most solemn and important week in the Church's year. We re-live the momentous event of Jesus life. Today we commemorate His triumphant entrance into the city of Jerusalem, and end the week with that same crowd baying for His blood. Our task is to remain faithful to him, just as we expect Him to stick by us.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will take place on Monday at 7.00 pm. For those who have not been to such a service before may I commend it to you, particularly if you are frightened of confession or may nor have been for quite a time. This is a very gentle and un-threatening service, and because it takes place during Mass it makes it possible for those who might have been away from church for some time to be able to receive Holy Communion during the service, as they make this new beginning and a fresh start.

TUESDAY. The children from St Martin's school will present a Passion Play, a depiction of the great events at the end of Jesus life which we commemorate this week. The Play begins at 7.00 pm: all are welcome.

WEDNESDAY. The Mens Cleaning Team will clean the church in readiness for Easter. We begin at 1030.

MAUNDY THURSDAY. At our evening celebration of the Lord's Supper Eucharistic Ministers will be asked to renew their commitment to this ministry. This is a most important and valuable ministry, and we are all most grateful to those who commit themselves to it. After Easter a short training programme will offer training to those who have recently agreed to take up this ministry within the parish.. We are grateful for their willing co-operation.

GOOD FRIDAY. The Walk of Witness through Sonning Common begins at Christ the King at 9.30 am.
We walk around the village with members from the other churches, reading from the Scriptures and singing hymns
At 1200 noon there will a service of Stations of the Cross, lead by Deacon Francis Andrews.
At 3.00 pm we celebrate our Solemn Liturgy to commemorate the Lord's Passion and Death.
At 7.00 pm, a Service of Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion for those who are at work during this day.

HOLY SATURDAY. Our Easter Vigil begins at 7.00 pm. We begin outside (weather permitting) with the blessing of New Fire, from which we light the Easter candle, symbol of Christ's Resurrection. We process into church, listen to the story of salvation, renew our Baptismal promises, and share Christ's new life in Communion.

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May we all have a successful conclusion to Lent. Fr Chris