



St. Michael's Bulletin



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THE ASCENSION, May 16th 2010.

5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am For our Parish Family

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

1030 am Holy Souls

Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Mass.

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FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Lord, send Your Healing Spirit on all who are sick or distressed: on 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, Denis Goodchild, Margaret Munter, Michael O'Neil, Mike Nolan, Josephine Clay, Bernadette Norton and Barry Haggard.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray 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 Kenneth Alfred Dean, Roberto O'Neill, Fr Xavier, Mary Fry, Francis O'Neill and Mary Smith, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. In past years this was celebrated on Thursday of last week – the feast was known as Ascension Thursday. But in more recent years our Bishops realised that those who were at work found it very difficult to come along to Mass on a working day and so they decided to move the feast to the nearest Sunday, so that we were all able to come and celebrate the feast, which commemorates the return of Jesus to the glory of Heaven. His work and mission are now completed and so He leaves His Apostles to continue His work and He returns home.

POPE BENEDICT'S VISIT

Pope Benedict will be visiting the country in September and will come to our Diocese to beatify John Henry Newman. This will take place at Coventry airport, the same place that Pope John Paul came to in 1982. I have spoken with Fr Giles from St Anne's and it is agreed that we should travel together in the buses which they have organised. Please think about whether you would like to go along, bearing in mind that it will be an early start on Sunday 19th September. I will in due time put a list at the back of church so that we can put our names down and book a seat on the coach from St Anne's. We are being asked to contribute to the cost of **Pope Benedict's visit**; the amount our Diocese is asked to raise is £80,000, which is not a huge amount, and so next week I shall put the swing-bin at the back of church for contributions.

READERS

Would you like to become a Reader at Mass?. If so please contact John Rogers, Ed Pearce or Brian Theobald. Thank you..

PARISH COUNCIL.

At the meeting on Thursday we decided that **Sunday June 13th would be the date for our parish AGM.**

We shall begin with a shared lunch and BBQ at 1200 and begin the meeting when we have all eaten.

MAY PROCESSION.

On Thursday 27th there will be a May Procession at School at 2.00 in the afternoon. We shall begin with a little Service in the school hall and then take the statues of Our Lady and St Martin to the new classroom, which will be open to viewing.

FR JOHN ELLIS.

I saw Fr John at our school reunion last week he was looking well and asked me to tell you that he says "Hello, everyone!"

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

We offer our warmest congratulations to our children who made their first Holy Communion yesterday and hope that they will grow in love and devotion as they take this important step on their faith-journey in their young lives.

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Let us hope that we eventually catch sight of the sun this week!. Fr Chris