



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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THIRTYTHIRD SUNDAY. NOVEMBER 16th 2008

Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Parish family	1030 am Aldworth & Connely families
Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass	Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Wednesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service	Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass	<b>Saturday Vigil 5.30 Gareth &amp; Martin Taylor</b>

**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, Pat Sullivan, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Peter Gibson, Tess Lynch, Nancy Keogh, Jason Thatcher and Michael Boyle.

**Bring them Your healing and peace.**

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

We pray for Gareth & Martin Taylor and 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 remember in prayer Maureen Norris, Nicky Harris, Henry New, Frank Lawless, W.G. Williams, Theresa Hamilton, and James Martin whose anniversaries fall at this time.

**May they find rest in Your Love and Peace.**

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**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION.**

The second Mass of Preparation is celebrated today at 1030 am, with the theme of "Listening". The purpose of this theme is to encourage us to be better listeners. If we do not listen well then we do not learn properly. This is true in all walks of life, whether at home in our relationships with each other, at school with our teachers, at work with our instructors or with listening to the Scriptures where the Word of God is spoken to us. It is only by listening carefully to what the Bible says to us that we are able to live lives in accordance with the wishes and instructions of our Creator and Redeemer. Listening is an activity of the heart, not just the ears.

**STUDY GROUP.**

We continue the study group on Wednesday evening in the parish house at 7.30pm, meeting for one hour. Even if you have not been before you are most welcome to come along. We shall be reading through St Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians, which he wrote to quell the notion that the Day of the Lord ( Day of Judgment ) was at hand, and he also told off idle members who were living off the community. Sounds familiar ?

**"SAINT MARTIN'S MASS"**

Beginning next Sunday our school wish to come and share actively with us in our 1030am Sunday Mass. The children will lead us in the Penitential Rite, the readings and the Bidding prayers. We hope that children from throughout the school will come with their families and that this will become a regular feature each term.

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS.**

We meet on the first Monday of each month. We chat, drink tea, pray for our children and families and for any whom we think might need the help and support of our prayers. Interested? Phone 01491-681646 for more info.

**PARISH COUNCIL.**

We met on Thursday evening and began by setting the times and dates for the Christmas Masses and Mass of Reconciliation. The Mass of Reconciliation will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm. This Mass and the times for the Christmas Masses will shortly be published on a card which you will all receive. We then discussed the process whereby we are able to refurbish our Hall. It is felt that the hall is not well-known enough and therefore does not receive all the bookings and uses it is capable of. This may be either because it is in need of a make-over, or it may be that because it was hidden behind the big hedge ( now gone ) it was never seen and was not recognised as a Hall which could be hired-out. Consequently the large hedge has been taken down and we are now working out the process by which we can renew and promote the Hall and we are looking to various bodies for funding; from the Lottery, to European and other bodies which offer money for community projects.

Did you know that our hall is for hire for family parties, children's birthdays and general get-togethers?

Have you actually had a look at it both inside and out ? Why not do so today, after this Mass.

**CHOIR PRACTICE.** At 1030 on Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup>. This is open for anyone to come and join us

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**I hope we all have a peaceful week. Fr Chris**