St. Michael's Bulletin

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 17th, 2010.
Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Bill Hoban
9.00 am Ian Manning **1030 am Our Parish Family**
Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer & Mass Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Wednesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service Thursday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass
Friday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service **Saturday 5.30pm Ann Donohue**

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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, 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, Pat Walton, Denis Goodchild , Margaret Munter, Michael O'Neil , Mike Nolan and John Coverdale.

. **Bring them Your healing and peace.**

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for all Monsignor Graham Leonard and all who died recently: 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 Ian Manning, Marie Prendergast, John Creighton, Eileen Levy, Bill Hoban, Eileen Drever, George Wright, Joan Godfrey, Ivan Dover, Regina & Anthony Pereira, Kathleen & Joseph Smyth, Bernard Oattes, Winifred Halter, Winifred Dougan, Leslie Archard and Fr Cecil Keane, whose anniversaries fall at this time. **Grant them the joy of Your Presence.**

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ORDINARY TIME.

Today we begin what is known in the church's liturgy as "Ordinary time." This simply means that we are not in any special or particular season such as Advent, Lent or Eastertime. During this period we listen to the Gospel which unfolds the public life of Our Lord. We hear His teachings, the stories he tells in parables, the stories of His miracles and the way in which He unfolds the plan of God's salvation to all the people He encounters.
Today we hear the story of the wedding at Cana when he performed His first miracle: a miracle is an event which cannot be explained by the ordinary laws of nature. In performing all His miracles Jesus demonstrates His mastery over the laws which govern our created world. He has come to reclaim God's sovreignty over Creation.

WINTRY WEATHER.

The length, depth and severity of the current wintry weather has caught us all out. It has made travel by car and by foot almost impossible at times, and I am sure many of you have your own interesting stories to tell about journeys to and from work. Schools have found it very difficult, and teachers, parents and pupils have been greatly inconvenienced by the icy conditions.
The numbers at Mass last week-end were greatly depleted, but it was wonderful to see those who came, walking bravely, inspite of the treacherous conditions underfoot.
The car park was a terrible mess with the snow which had churned up into deep frozen ridges, which made it very difficult to negotiate both in the car and on foot. Our hope now is that the worst is over and we can look forward to the occasional sight of the sun and feel warm air on our faces.

If you wish to see some very interesting photos of the church in the recent snow, please go to our website.
But our discomfiture does not compare with what has happened in Haiti. **The swing-bin will accept our contributions to aid those who have lost everything and are in desperate need of basic necessities.**

LIGHTING A CANDLE.

We all like to light candles. Let us be aware that to do so is a prayer:, a parable and a symbol.
A prayer:- When we have gone it stays alight, kindling in the hearts and minds of others the prayers we have already offered for them and for others, for the sad, the sick and the suffering - and prayers of thankfulness, too.
Lighting a candle is a parable, burning itself out, it gives life and warmth to others.
Jesus gave Himself for others and he calls us to give ourselves.
Lighting a candle is a symbol, of hope, of light and warmth. Our world needs them all."

ECUMENICAL SERVICE.

Next Sunday, January 24th at St John's, Kidmore End, beginning at 6.30pm

We always turn up in good numbers at this annual service where we join with the members of the other churches in our villages. Let us continue to keep this tradition alive and deepen our friendship with them.

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May we continue to enjoy our New Year. Fr Chris