



St. Michael's Bulletin



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SECOND SUNDAY, JANUARY 18th 2009

Vigil 5.30 pm Bill Hoban

9.00 am Ian Manning

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 Eucharistic Service
Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Saturday 5.30 pm Holy Souls

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, Jack Edwards, 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 Patrick O'Sullivan 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 now remember Joan Godfrey, Ivan Drover, Regina & Anthony Pereira, Kathleen & Joseph Smyth, Bernard Oattes, Winifred Halter, Winifred Dougan and Fr Cecil Keane, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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UNITED SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.

We are the hosts this year for this Church Service, which will take place this evening at 6.30 pm.

I hope that there will be a good turn out from us as we welcome our fellow Christians from the other denominations in our area. The primary purpose of our Service is to pray that we will be faithful to Jesus' wish that "all may be one" and that we show our solidarity as brothers and sisters of Jesus by uniting in prayer to our Heavenly Father and praying that we will be instrumental in making His Kingdom come on earth, particularly in our own community. And we pray that His Will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.

This annual united church service is important in the strengthening and improving of our relations with the other Christian communities in our neighbouring villages. The Holy Father reminds us that it is important to share together in these services because of the great wealth of history, devotion and theology which we have as our Catholic treasury. It is also the case that the media seems hostile to Christianity (but dares not attack Islam in the same way) and we need to present a united front which will add strength to us all. Relations with the other denominations are very good; this friendly atmosphere is important in giving witness within our local communities, who so often look to us for a lead in those moral and ethical issues which affect the quality of our every-day lives.

THE "DROP-IN" CENTRE

Thanks to those of you who have clearly had a New-Year clear-out of all surplus clothes. Maybe we could all have a look through our bulging wardrobes and set-aside all those clothes we no longer wear.....most probably because they are too small! They are always most gratefully received by this Centre, which cares for those who have nothing.

FR DAVID KENIRY

Fr David came to give us a 'mini-Retreat' on our St Michael's week-end last September. He is coming back to be with us again on the week-end of February 13/14th. He will be exploring the area of "Healing" and helping us recover from the damage done by all the hurtful and nasty things which have happened to us in the course of our lives. Healing is an important part of Fr David's ministry.

OTHER EVENTS DURING THE YEAR.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION MASS, on Sunday February 8th; the theme is "Reconciliation"
This will be a step in the preparation of the children for their first Confession which takes place in school on March 6th.
Their First Communion is in May, on Saturday 16th at 1000 am.
LENT begins on ASH WEDNESDAY, which this year falls on February 25th. EASTER SUNDAY falls on April 12th.
THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY will make an appeal on the week-end of April 18th/19th.
CONFIRMATION will be administered by Bishop Kenney on Wednesday June 17th at 7.00.

PARISH DIARY. For some reason we were sent two separate packages of the Parish Diary. I know that many of you have already taken one, but another parcel arrived during the week with another batch. They are on the table at the back of church; please help yourself to as many as you wish. Whatever is left will have to be put in the bin for recycling.

SAINT MARTIN'S SCHOOL. Mrs Hogg will be retiring at the end of the summer term, so we are beginning the process of looking for a new Head. If you are interested in this post – or know of anyone else who might be – please come for an informal look-around.

PATRICK O'SULLIVAN. Patrick died last week, but his funeral will not be until Wednesday 28th. The long delay is unavoidable, sorry.

May God bless us and keep us safe throughout the week. Fr Chris