



St. Michael's Bulletin



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, April 18th 2010.

5.30 pm Michael Egan

9.00 am For our Parish Family

1030 am Holy Souls

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

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1100 am. Requiem Mass for Frank Quinn

Friday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

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

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for Fr Lawrence King, President Lech Kaczynski, his Polish Officials, 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 Brendan McCarthy, Raymond Taylor, Maurice Bowell, Harry StGeorge Gardner, George Hajdu, Patrick Francis Gavin Barry, Rina Dwyer and Ilona Bakacs, whose anniversaries fall at this time. **Grant them the joy of Your Presence.**

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A GENERAL ELECTION will soon be upon us. Although there will be many who are fed up with politics and politicians and the endless broadcasts and canvassing, nevertheless it is an important moment in our nation's life. It is an important civil duty and responsibility that we should all vote so that we exercise our choice in deciding whom we would like to govern us. We should all feel that we have a stake in the life of the nation and how we are governed, but if we refuse to use our vote then we have no right to grumble when the Government does something we oppose. Opinions seem to be on the move at the moment, and we are all hoping that this election will result in a change to a better and more honest form of Government. Please, let us all use our vote wisely and well. Copies of the Bishops' statement, "Choosing the common good" are on the table; take one.

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The past week has been filled with varying disasters, bringing death and destruction. The first dramatic event of the past week or so was the crash of the Polish plane flying to Smolensk. The President and many of the current Polish Government were going to commemorate the massacre at Katyn where huge numbers of Polish soldiers, civil servants and many of the ruling elite were killed. This crash brought great sadness to the Polish nation, which is deeply felt by Polish people living here. To them we offer our sincere condolences. It was comparable to our Queen, Prime Minister, Archbishop of Canterbury and the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces being killed. A huge loss.

We then heard of earthquakes in China, which brought death to more than 750 people and devastation, with more than 100,000 people being made homeless. Great amounts of aid will be needed to alleviate the suffering of these people. What we have given to CAFOD through our swing-bin will help in some small way to provide basic needs. And we might easily have forgotten about earthquakes in Haiti and Chile.

Then we heard of the train-crash in Italy as the result of an avalanche when 9 people were killed. It seems to have been a particularly disaster-filled week. Maybe the eruption of the volcano in Iceland which brought air-traffic to a stand still could not be called a disaster, it was certainly a great inconvenience and would have caused many a traveller a huge head-ache. It has been a depressing news week.

St Paul says "The whole of Creation as we know it, is groaning in one great act of giving birth"

Our planet is growing and stretching its muscles and as it does so we suffer. Let us care for one another.

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