



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, April 20th, 2008  
Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9. 00 am Priest's own intention	1030 am For our Parish family
Monday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service.	Tuesday 9.00am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass	Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Friday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass	<b>Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls</b>

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**FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.**

Loving Father, send Your healing Spirit on all who are distressed: those separated from their families and for those who have lost family and cannot find them. We pray for Frank Sweeney, Claudina Rodrigues, Eugenie Micotti, Alison & Betty Gosling, Jack Daly, Ron Stephenson, Marguerite Brosnan, Patrick Cafferkey, Pat Sullivan, Ena Wilson and Joseph Bradley.

**Bring them Your healing and peace.**

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

We pray for all who died recently, for all who have been killed in wars, disasters and accidents throughout the world. For victims of terrorism and oppression; for those who die of starvation or neglect.

We remember Raymond Taylor, Maurice Bowell, Harry St George Gardner, George Hajdu, Rina Dwyer, Ilona Bakacs, Sean Bannon, Edna Walsh and Norah Bourne whose anniversaries fall at this time of the year.

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

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**TODAY WE WELCOME FATHER JACOB LEWIS.**

Fr Jacob has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass for us this week-end while I am in Southampton for a re-union of all those who served on the Hospital ship, SS Uganda during the Falklands War in 1982. This is the first time that the Naval personnel of that ship have come together since 1982 and it was an event I did not want to miss.

From 1976 1984 I was a Chaplain in the Royal Navy and was sent with other Naval personnel to form the crew of the Hospital ship when things began to look a bit nasty. We were flown to Gibraltar where the ship was converted from a school educational cruise ship, and then sailed via Ascension Island to the Falkland Islands where we took on board injured soldiers, sailors and airmen from both British and Argentinian forces. We flew the Red Cross flag and so were seen as neutral in the conflict, with a mandate to care for everyone who was injured. Simon Weston was our best remembered patient because of his horrific burns, but we also cared for over 100 Argentinian soldiers. Many of those who were injured are expected to attend the re-union. I have also been asked to speak on Radio Solent on Sunday morning about the role a Chaplain takes during such a conflict, and how one's faith is affected.

**PARISH AGM.**

At 1200 noon on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>. We shall meet in the Hall for a shared "Bring-a-dish" lunch before our meeting. Ideas and suggestions for the future of the parish should be aired at this meeting. I hope you can all make it.

**PARISH COUNCIL.** We seek new members: if you would you like to join the Council please let me know.

**GIFT AID.** Is there anyone who would be interested to help Ed Pearce in this area of Parish Finance? Such a person would assist Ed to ensure we make maximum use of our resources. Please let me know if you are interested.

**NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS.** We shall begin a training programme next week-end. We shall begin by remaining behind after Mass and share the experiences which the present Eucharistic Ministers have of their own time in this ministry. I have a small instructional leaflet for you all to read and study before we come together.

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**SAINT MARTIN'S SCHOOL.**

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher to support and work in partnership with our successful Headteacher. We are planning to enlarge our school to a single form entry, which will spearhead the next exciting stage of its development. We are a high achieving school and have been successful in achieving the Basic Skills Agency Quality Mark Review Award (2008 ), Healthy Schools Award and Investors in People Review (2007 ). We will be delighted to show prospective candidates round the school. Please contact Mrs Anne Hogg to arrange for a mutually convenient time (901-5544 ). Further details and an application form can be obtained from the school or on e-mail; [admin.stmartins@reading.gov.uk](mailto:admin.stmartins@reading.gov.uk) For more information please see the notice at the back of church.

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**CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA!**