



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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**THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Rita Walter**

**9.00 am Our Parish family**

**1030 am Holy Souls**

Monday 9.00am 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

**Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Special Intention**

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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 & John Conlon, Margaret Keane, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinnall, Frank O'Donnell, Gwen Payne, Pat Walton Denis Goodchild and Sue Meyers  
**Bring them Your healing and peace.**

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

We pray for Patrick Swayze, Keith Floyd 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 Frank Pearce, Audrey Belletty, Harry Kerr and Harold Clifford, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

**Grant them the joy of Your Presence.**

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**ST MICHAEL'S WEEK-END.**

A Parish Quiz Night will take place next Saturday evening, 26<sup>th</sup>. You are all welcome to come along and join in; older children are also encouraged to come along with their parents, and there will be a couple of rounds specifically for the younger members of the family teams. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the evening. Several teams have already been set up but there is room for more to come along on the night to join in, and we will allocate you to a team. You may wish to come with friends as a new team. Food ( nibbles), wine and soft drinks as well as tea and coffee and biscuits will be provided.

There is a list at the back for you to sign your name if you would like to come along, and be part of this Parish Social event.

We suggest that we begin at 7.00pm with drinks and a time to chat and settle down. Then the Quiz will begin at 7.30pm.

**LIAISON BETWEEN CHURCH AND SCHOOL.**

One of the difficulties we face in our parish is that with the school being over 3 miles away from the church it is difficult to feel that we belong together as a community. New families moving into the parish are not always aware that we have a Catholic school within the parish, and so when the Parish Council met on Thursday evening we discussed these matters, hoping that we might find ways to improve our sense of belonging together and of our need to support each other.

We hope that we can provide better publicity for the school by giving it space on our church notice-board for any activities the school might be engaged in, and so become more conscious of our young children and all their various activities at school. We would also like to have the School Prospectus available in the church so that our new families are made aware of its existence. We are in contact with Mrs Cosgrove, our new Headteacher, and once she has settled into her new job we want to get our heads together and discuss matters of mutual benefit so that we can plan positively and solidly for our joint future..

**ARE YOU OVER 60?**

There is a small leaflet at the back of church which has been sent to us from Reading Borough Council asking if you are getting the Attendance Allowance or Pension Credit you may be entitled to. Your needs may not just be about washing and dressing, but would include problems of continence, breathlessness, mobility, preparation of food/drink, fear of or danger of trips and falls, the need for supervision and memory problems. People who are caring, pay owner occupier service charges, still pay a mortgage are entitled to more money than the advertised minimum incomes. Please take one of the leaflets to find out more.

**"NEWMAN NIGHT WALK"**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October there will be a "Night Walk" to commemorate the anniversary of John Henry Newman's reception into the Catholic Church. It begins with a short meditation at St Aloysius, the Oratory, on Woodstock Road in Oxford, goes via Rose Hill to the church of Blessed Dominic Barberi and ends at Newman's Chapel in Littlemore. There is a poster on the notice-board with more information and several contact numbers. Another "Newman" poster gives details of the pilgrimage to Littlemore on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, with Mass for the canonization of Cardinal Newman, followed by a tour of the College.

**BLOOD DONORS.**

The NHS is in constant need of blood for all its operations and especially in accident and emergency for all those unforeseen circumstances where blood is needed for a patient. There will be another session at Henley Rugby Club on the Marlow Road on Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are notices on the board at the back of church with details of all the sessions and their timings.

**VOICE COACHING.**

On Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> Miss Hannah Long of the Guild Hall School of Music will be here to offer advice on the use of our voice, whether singing or speaking. She will begin her teaching session at 1030am and will be here for a couple of hours.

**You are all most welcome to come along** and learn how to project your voice and make best use of your speaking or singing talents. Maybe you only sing in the shower, the bath or the car; that doesn't matter. Come along so that you can really enhance your voice and make everyone who hears you think that you are the next best thing since Susan Boyle or Frank Sinatra!

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**May we all have a calm and sunny week. Fr Chris**