St. Michael's Bulletin

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, December 20th, 2009.
Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Our parish family
9.00 am Holy Souls **1030 am John & Nora Gallagher**
Monday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

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CHRISTMAS EVE
6.00pm Christmas Celebration Mass for Children
9.00 pm Solemn Christmas Eve Mass. Carols at 8.30pm
CHRISTMAS DAY
1030 am Family Christmas Mass

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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 Deacon Henry Atkinson 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 Peter Ellison, George Raynard, Nan & Laurence Maxwell, Paul Fay, Robert O'Neill, Fr Xavier, Bridget Mullaniff, Phyllis Baring-Gould, Robert Nicholson, Maud Cooper, Benjamin Roman Zambrano, Ivy Roberts, Gino Dell'Aqua and Kathleen, Charles and Nickey Harris whose anniversaries fall at this time. **Grant them the joy of Your Presence.**

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FATHER CHRIS & DEACON FRANCIS WISH YOU EVERY HAPPINESS & BLESSING FOR CHRISTMAS.
This is the most wonderful time of the year. We hope you are all able to spend time with your families, deepening your love and appreciation of each other. Although we all receive lots of lovely gifts each Christmas I am sure that we all realise that within our familiy we are each others most prized possession.

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ADVENT PROJECT.

The support for the parish of St Joseph in Cockermouth has now amounted to £775. This will be the last week-end for us to make a contribution. Thank you very much for your generosity. I have received letters of thanks from the Parish Priest and I shall send him and his parishioners our best wishes when I send off the final amount this week..

TREE OF GIFTS.

Thanks to all of you who have taken cards from the tree and bought gifts for the needy. There has been a terrific response this year; thank you for your wonderful generosity. The gift may seem rather slight to us as we give them, but for those who receive them they will be a heart-warming sign of the love of so many good people in our world. It is also the case that the gifts we give will be the only ones received by those who frequent the "Drop-In" centre.

READING "DROP-IN" CENTRE.

Thanks to all of you who have so far contributed your un-wanted clothes to this centre. There will always be such a demand for what we regard as our cast-offs, but which are so welcome to those who have so little.

BIRTHDAY CARD FROM THE CHILDREN

I appeal to all the children who will be coming to Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to bring a Birthday card which they can place in the crib. If the card is one they have made themselves, then all the better. In the past we have had some really wonderful cards with the childrens own personal greetings to Jesus on his birtday.

CAR PARKING.

The space in front of church is not as capacious as we would like it be. We need to be aware that we should park as neatly and tidily as possible, and as close to the neighbouring car as it is safe to do in order to maximise the number of cars we can accommodate. To leave too much space between our cars means that we severely limit the number of cars able to come on to the car park: and our neighbours complain when we park thoughtlessly in front of their driveways, preventing them from coming and going into their own homes. "Please park prettily"

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May we all have a wonderful, family-centred week. Fr Chris