



St. Michael's Bulletin



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1st SUNDAY OF LENT, February 21st, 2010.

Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm May McGrath

9.00 am Special intention (MD)

1030 am Holy Souls

Monday 9.00am Eucharistic Service

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Friday 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross & Mass

Saturday 5.30pm Holy Souls

Also this week. Sunday at 5.00pm Holy Hour

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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 and Mike Nolan.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for 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 Jimmy Thompson, Mary Ann Kennedy, Kevin Watters, Edward Lonsdale, Marya Motyka, Mrs Mee, Una Cottrell and Nancy & Basil Evach, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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LENT BEGAN ON WEDNESDAY.

This is an important time not just in the Church's year, but in our own personal lives, too. The Scriptures speak of Jesus time in the desert in preparation for His public ministry, a time when He confronted all His doubts and came to a clear vision of what His life's work would entail. We are encouraged to see Lent as our time in the desert when we each come to a clearer vision of how our lives should be lived. There are various aids to help us during Lent; the little booklets on the table are for you to take away, and there are some Lent Calendars for the children to take away, with a suggestion for them for each day of Lent. This evening there will be a **HOLY HOUR at 5.00pm**, which will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, a time of silence for personal prayer and ending with Benediction. If you are not able to come for the whole hour, please note that Benediction will begin at 5.45pm. Please note also that on Friday there will be Mass in the evening at 7.00pm for those who are at work. This will be preceded by Stations of the Cross, beginning at 7.00 pm. Quietly reading a chapter from one of the Gospels each day is very rewarding. But we should all do something, and the little coloured leaflets at the back of church give us some suggestions. The Swing Bin is there to accept any donations we wish to make for the poor and starving of our world, as we restrain our appetites and share from our abundance with the world's poor.

SAINT ANTHONY'S PRAYER BOARD.

The prayer board at the back of church is very well used. But I suspect that many of the prayer requests which have been placed there are now out of date. If you place a request and it is granted, please take it down. Next week I shall take down all the requests there at present so that we can begin afresh.

"WHAT WILL YOU GIVE UP THIS LENT?"

The envelopes on the table have various ideas and suggestions. This is a challenge we can face. Please choose one.

LENT COURSE.

Beginning on Wednesday at Christ the King in Sedgewell Road. You are most welcome to attend these sessions which begin at 7.30pm. There is a session at 2.00pm for those who do not like to come out after dark. There will also be a Lent course at Sacred Heart in Henley beginning Monday March 8th. Mass at 7.00pm.

AT ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL

An Auction of Promises on Friday at 7.30pm and a **Ceili** on Saturday 13th March at 7.30pm, £7 per adult. The Ceili will be in our own parish Hall. Tickets will be available at the back of church for those who want them.

ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL

The young children of our school will lead us in our 1030 Mass on Mothering Sunday, March 14th.

THOUGHTS FOR LENT

Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to achieve it. Being kind is more important than being right

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