St. Michael's Bulletin

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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, June 21st, 2009
Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Mary Comfrey

9.00 am Our Parish family **1030 am Eric Brent**

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 7.00 pm Thanksgiving Mass **Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Margaret McDonnell**

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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, Alison & Betty Gosling, Marguerite Brosnan, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Nancy Keogh, , Donald Garland, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher , David Roberts, Marie Evans, Rita Conlon, Margaret Keane, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinall and Tony Morrin. **Bring them Your healing and peace.**

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for Ena Wilson, Mary Comfrey , Jamie Corrie 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. Marlene Fernandes, Joan Law, Sue Connors, Elizabeth Tonner, Petra Zambrano de Roman, Joseph Cunningham, Babs Monaghan, Noel Moore, Rita Lavalette, and Peter Perie whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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THE "ORDINARY TIME" OF THE CHURCH'S YEAR.

Today is the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. What does"Ordinary time" mean? It means that we are not in any special time of the church's year, such as Advent, Lent or Eastertide. "Ordinary time" is the major part of the church's year when the main focus is on Jesus' earthly ministry . The Gospel stories during this time tell of Jesus' teaching, his parables and miracles.
But within this general period there are some Solemnities and Feasts of the Lord, such as Ascension, Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart, Transfiguration, the Triumph of the Cross, and culminating in the great feast of Jesus Christ, the Universal King.
All these feasts celebrate the theological implications of Jesus' incarnation – the mystery of God and Man becoming one in the life of Jesus of Nazareth.
During this time the liturgical colour of the vestments, the drapes on the lectern and altar is Green.
This is to imply growth and abundance, as we witness all around us at this time in the abundance of growth in Mother Nature.

Next Sunday is the feast of St Peter and St Paul

CONFIRMATION

Our warmest congratulations to all the children who were confirmed by Bishop William Kenney on Wednesday.
We hope that they and their families enjoyed the celebration and that it will stand them in good stead as they begin a new phase in their young lives.
A new school beckons next term, and this will have its own challenges for them as they make new friends and begin new routines in their Senior School, where big decisions will have to be made for their future careers..
We hope that the firm foundation laid for their future lives by their time at St Martin's will prove to be a firm bedrock on which they can build confidently and go forward in their lives and in their faith-journey.

FUTURE ARCHBISHOP.

After the Confirmation ceremony, Deacon Francis, Rector Graham and I went with the Bishop for a meal together, during which he told us of the protracted process involved in selecting a new Archbishop.
Throughout the year names are sent to the Apostolic Delegate, the Pope's Ambassador to this country, by anyone who so wishes, these are the names of priests who are regarded as suitable to become Bishops.
When a Diocese becomes vacant there is another round of voting by the Inner Council of that Diocese, and three names are then submitted to the Delegate as suitable candidates for that vacant post. The Delegate is not required to choose any of those names, but from all the information which has been sent to him over the years he is then in an advantageous position to recommend to the Bishop's Selection Panel in Rome the names of three men whom he sees as best suited to the task in hand. But before he does so he sends out an exhaustive questionnaire to trusted colleagues throughout the country to ascertain if they have any reason NOT to recommend certain candidates for the vacant post.
So you can see that it will take some time to select just one person – who may well say "No" when he is asked to become the new Archbishop. There is constant speculation amongst the clergy as to who it should/not, might/not be, and if the process becomes over-long then the gossip is that someone has said "No, thank you" and the whole process begins again. Phew!

SAINT BIRINUS PILGRIMAGE

Takes place this afternoon. You may wish to go to Churn Knob, Blewbury at 1215; or you may wish to go directly to Dorchester. Tea will be served at St Birinus church from 4.30pm. Procession to the Abbey will be at 6.00pm for the Service at 6.30 pm.

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

The relics of St Therese are being exposed for veneration in churches throughout England and Wales in the autumn. They will be in the Oratory in Oxford on 7th and 8th October. There are leaflets at the back of church with all the details of the services.

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May we all have a peaceful week. Fr Chris