



St. Michael's Bulletin



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TWENTYFIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. SEPTEMBER 21st 2008

Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9. 00 am Parish family

10.30 am Holy Souls

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Thursday 9.00 Morning prayer & Mass

Friday 7.00 pm Mass and opening of Parish Retreat

Saturday Vigil 5.30 Holy Souls

FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Lord, send Your Spirit on all who are in any way distressed: Claudina Rodrigues, Eugenie Micotti, Alison & Betty Gosling, Ena Wilson, Marguerite Brosnan, Patrick Cafferkey, Pat Sullivan, Jack Daly, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Ita Ryan, Peter Gibson and Jean Dwyer.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Bishop Peter Quinn and all who died recently, for all killed in wars, disasters and accidents. For victims of terrorism and oppression; for those who die of starvation or neglect. We remember in prayer Frank Pearce, Audrey Belletty, Harry Kerr and Harold Clifford whose anniversaries fall at this time of the year.

May they find rest in Your Love and Peace.

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SAINT MICHAEL'S WEEKEND

It is a parish tradition that on the week-end nearest the feast of St Michael we have some kind of retreat.

The purpose of such an event is to help us pause in the busy rush of life to take stock of our lives.

We take time to take a look inwards and try to examine the quality of our relationship with God.

I appreciate that Saturday is a very busy day for most families, with essential shopping and general household chores to be done, as well as sporting and leisure activities for most members of the family. So I know that it will be a real challenge for you to come to most of the events for the week-end listed below. But you may like to pick at least one which you feel will be of benefit to you, even if you are only able to come along to the Saturday picnic/bring-a-sandwich lunch-time period, or just the Sunday "Bring-a-Dish" lunch. It will be good to see you. A "retreat" does give us the opportunity to get away from the usual daily grind and find a bit of peace and quiet.

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Fr David Keniry will be with us from Friday to Sunday to lead us all in a mini-retreat.

The Retreat will begin on Friday evening with Mass at 7.00 pm, followed by an introduction from Fr David.

On Saturday we begin at 1030 with a major input from Fr Daid, which will last until 1130am.

There will be a break for tea/coffee/walkabout until 1200 noon.

At 1200 noon there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.

At 1.00pm we shall have a break for a shared lunch (bring-a-picnic/ something to share)

At 2.30 there will be another input from Fr David; the topic will be"Reconciliation and Healing"

There will then be a session for a "feed-back" from you and any questions you may have can be put to Fr David. Confession is a real problem for most of us, and we hope that Fr David will be able to help us iron out some of the difficulties we encounter so that we can move forwards in this regard.

Many of us still harbour hurts and resentments from the past and these too need to be dealt with and healed.

Fr David has great experience in this area of "healing" and I am sure he can be of great help to us all

There will be a chance for a cup of tea at 4.00 pm.

At the 5.30pm evening Mass Fr David will give us all an overview of the purpose of the week-end.

On Sunday he will speak at each of the Masses and again give a precis of the week-end, its purpose and aim. This will be particularly useful for those who are unable to come to any of the sessions because it will give you an insight into what has been happening during the Retreat.

On Sunday there will be a "Bring-a-Dish" shared lunch, at which Fr David will give a resume of the week-end and offer pointers for the future. He will return in late February to see if he can be of help in encouraging us further.

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May the sun continue to shine and brighten our week. Fr Chris