St. Michael's Bulletin

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, March 22nd, 2009
Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls
9.00 am Our Parish family **1030 am Holy Souls**
5.00 pm Holy Hour Devotions for Lent
Monday 9.00am Eucharistic service Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic service
Wednesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service Also 7.00 pm Evening Mass of the Annunciation
Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer and Mass Friday 7.00 pm Evening Mass for Lent
Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

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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, Ena Wilson, Marguerite Brosnan, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Nancy Keogh, Michael Boyle, Donald Garland, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher , Mary Comfry, Jade Goody, David Roberts and Marie Evans.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for Fr Vaughan Lloyd 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 remember Mary Ann Kerr, Iva Andrews, Audrey Gallagher, Christine Ryman, Nan & Larry Maxwell and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all Mums in the parish.
"A mother's arms are made of tenderness, and children sleep soundly in them."

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Please remember our Sunday evening devotions at 5.00 pm. We also have Lenten Evening Mass on Friday at 7.00 pm.
Please note this week that there is also Mass on Wednesday evening at 7.00 pm for the feast of the Annunciation.
It is NOT a holyday but you might like to come along tocelebrate the Lord's entry into human history. This is THE Mother's Day

LENT PROJECT. Housing for Refugees

Our Lenten Project will receive a great boost when Sister Josephine Walsh speaks to us at each Mass next week-end.
This project is the brain-child of Sister Josephine, who will give us an insight into what she is trying to acheive there.
The swing-bin awaits your donations to this project. So far it has received £79.10. This swing-bin will happily accept all your loose change, no matter how small. **" Small change can make a big change."**

CHURCH CLEANING

You will find on your bench a card asking if you can spare some time to help clean the church. We need a few more volunteers to help clean the church, which will be for about 40 minutes every two or three months. We are very grateful to those who already help with this task. There is also a list at the back of church which will detail the jobs which need to be done, and ask if you can find a little time to help us so that the church is always spick and span whenever we come into it.
There will be a Men's Team cleaning session on April 4th and again on April 11th to ensure everything is clean before Easter
Would more of the gents who have not yet had this experience like to join us ? We may have to do some difficult tasks, such as bringing down the cross from above the altar down and giving it a good clean – as well as the statue of Our Lady.

GIFT AID.

Some may have missed Ed Pearce's little talk about GIFT AID. There is a sheet at the back of church explaining what is involved for newcomers to the parish and for those who have not yet joined this scheme but who might like to sign up and join it. For those who use envelopes for the weekly collection please note that the new sets of boxes are at the back of church.

EASTER CARD.

The Easter card is now on the table at the back of church. These will be delivered to your homes, but you may wish to take one now. It contains the times and dates of the important Holy Week ceremonies and services. Please keep it safe.

READERS.

We need to know the availability of Readers for Holy Week. There is a sheet on the table at the back of church for your names. Please sign if you would like to be included on our Holy Week roster, even if you have never been a Reader before.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Each year there is a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, lead by Archbishop Nichols: maybe some of you have been on it..
This year the pilgrimage begins on Saturday May 23rd and ends on 30th. Are you interested to go? There is a poster with more details at the back of church, and there is a Booking Form, too. If you would like to go let me know as soon as possible, please

FATHER EDDIE BUTLER

Father Eddie really enjoyed his week-end with us and is looking forward to returning to be with us during July and August.

CAFOD FAST DAY

Thank you for the return of the Family Fast Day envelopes. The total is £436.80, but Gift Aid will increase this amount.

ARCHBISHOP'S LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER.

Today the Archbishop will be speaking to us, via his annual Lenten pastoral letter, about "Disability" and our response to it.

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May we all have a peace-filled and prayerful week. Fr Chris