



St. Michael's Bulletin



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PENTECOST, May 23rd 2010.
5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am For our Parish Family	1030 am Holy Souls
Monday 9.00 am Eucharistic service	Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass	Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass	Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Mass.

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FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Lord, send Your Healing Spirit on all who are sick or distressed: on 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 Vinal, Frank O'Donnell, Gwen Payne, Denis Goodchild, Margaret Munter, Michael O'Neil, Mike Nolan, Josephine Clay, Bernadette Norton and Barry Haggart.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for all killed in wars, disasters and accidents: victims of terrorism and oppression, and for those who die of starvation or neglect. For Mary Smith, Margaret Adams, Dan Mulrooney, Laddie Perl and Margaret Dodd whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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THE FEAST OF PENTECOST.

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is a Greek word, it means Fifty; it is 50 days since Easter. For the Jewish people 50 was 7 times 7 plus the day of celebration. The number 7 indicated fulness or completion. This day symbolised for the Jewish peoples the closure of the time of harvest rejoicing and they gathered for a great celebration in their nation's capital, Jerusalem. For the early Christians it is seen as the triumphant conclusion of the cycle of the seasons of the Church's year which began in Advent when we began to look forward to the coming of the Messiah.

Today, the Easter candle which symbolises Christ the light of the world, risen from the dead and now guiding us through the darkness of our lives, is placed next to the baptismal font. Newly baptised infants are given their own personal share in Christ's light as they receive their Baptismal candle which is lighted from the large Easter candle, and become members of God's family.

Today the Red vestments, symbolise the fire of the Spirit which came to rest on the Apostles and the followers of Jesus..

POPE BENEDICT'S VISIT

Pope Benedict will be visiting the country in September and will come to our Diocese to beatify John Henry Newman. This will take place at Coventry airport, the same place that Pope John Paul came to in 1982. I have spoken with Fr Giles from St Anne's and it is agreed that we should travel together in the buses which they have organised. Please think about whether you would like to go along, bearing in mind that it will be an early start on Sunday 19th September. I will in due time put a list at the back of church so that we can put our names down and book a seat on the coach from St Anne's. We are being asked to contribute to the cost of **Pope Benedict's visit**; the amount our Diocese is asked to raise is £80,000, which is not a huge amount, and so I have put the swing-bin at the back of church for contributions.

PARISH COUNCIL.

At the meeting on Thursday we decided that **Sunday June 13th would be the date for our parish AGM.** We know this date will not suit everyone, but we hope as many as possible will be able to come along for the lunch and for the discussion of parish life and activities. If you have suggestions for our future, then this is the place to bring them.

MAY PROCESSION.

On Thursday there will be a May Procession at School at 2.00 in the afternoon. We shall begin with a little Service in the school hall and then take the statues of Our Lady and St Martin to the new classroom, which will be open to viewing. You are all most warmly welcomed to come along to see the new classrooms and join in the Procession and Blessing.

CONFIRMATION

Our young children will be Confirmed by Bishop William Kenney on Wednesday 16th June.

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