



St. Michael's Bulletin



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THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Special Intention

9.00 am Our Parish family

1030 am Special Intention

Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer & Mass

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

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Thursday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Friday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Special Intention

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, Judith Harris, Pat Walton, John Manning, and the Howson family.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for Catherine Smith, Kenneth Davey and all who died recently: for all killed in wars, disasters and accidents: victims of terrorism and oppression, especially those who died at Locherbie, and for those who die of starvation or neglect. We pray for Lily Dougan, Kathleen McGuire, Arthur Burge and Eva Abraham, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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HCPT

This is the **Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust** which takes disabled children to Lourdes each year.

We have had an appeal from a local group, based in Shinfield, which consists of approximately 10 helpers and 8 children mostly from the Thames valley area. These volunteers come from all walks of life and dedicate a week of the year to caring for the handicapped children, who have a wide range of physical, social and emotional special needs.

If you have ever been to Lourdes I am sure you have been impressed by the way the sick are given a place of prominence, and you will also have been impressed by the selfless attitude of so many young people who give of their precious time to help.

The local HCPT group are looking for a nurse to join them on their next pilgrimage which leaves on Easter Monday.

If you are interested to join such a group as a nurse, please contact Matt Busfield on 07868 609 997.

It may be that you would like to go along as a general helper, and be prepared to offer your time and energy to the young handicapped children. Please think about it, and if you would like more information please contact the above number.

APF. MILL HILL MISSION BOXES.

St Michael's contribution to this missionary charity has raised thousands of pounds, averaging £1,000. 00 per year.

But this year we have received slightly less. If you do have a Red Box then we appeal to your generosity over the next four weeks, as our final return for the year is due before the end of September. So we ask you to surrender all your small change, especially the pennies which are to be phased out very shortly. The collectors, Dom & Emmy Antao, Peter & Janice Halter, Bernard and Margaret Lowe and Peter & Christine Bussell, will be round early in September to collect your contributions.

If anyone who does not yet have a Red Box but would like to have one in the home to collect all your loose change, please contact Peter Bussell on 972-2106. Thank you.

ST MICHAEL'S WEEK-END.

The Parish Council thought it would be worthwhile to explore the notion of a social event which would bring us together as a parish community and help us get to know each other. So a Parish Quiz Night is being set up for the evening of Saturday 26th. There will be 8 teams, with a maximum of 8 people in each team. Food (nibbles), wine and soft drinks will be provided.

FR EDDIE BUTLER.

Fr Eddie is with us while Fr Chris is away. Fr Eddie, now retired and living in West Donegal, will be staying here in the parish house, but also has other duties within the Diocese during the coming weeks. He will be here each week-end and on Mondays and Fridays, but not necessarily throughout the week. Please take careful note of the times of services each day during the week.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:- If, like so many of our illustrious English and Welsh Martyrs, you were to be arrested and put on trial for the crime of being a Catholic Christian, would there be sufficient evidence to find you guilty? Write up, for your personal reflection, an affidavit of the available evidence.

May we all have a peaceful week. Fr Eddie