St. Michael's Bulletin

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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 24th, 2010.
Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Ann Donohue

9.00 am Ian Manning **1030 am Our Parish Family**

Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer & Mass
Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Wednesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Thursday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass
Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Saturday 5.30pm 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, 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, Pat Walton, Denis Goodchild , Margaret Munter, Michael O'Neil and Mike Nolan.

. **Bring them Your healing and peace.**

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for Deacon Brian Dockerty , Vassiliki Purcell 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 pray for Alan Graves, William Tillotson, Frederick Smythe, Kieran Cotter, John Cano, Carlos Ramirez, Denis & Nora Fogarty, May McGrath, Eugene Herbert, , whose anniversaries fall at this time. **Grant them the joy of Your Presence.**

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HAITI APPEAL.

Thank you all so much for your generous contributions last week-end. The swing-bin received £465.69.
I shall leave it there for this week-end so that those who did not have a chance to contribute last week can do so today. Each day we are seeing the most heart-rending stories coming out of Haiti and it is very clear that this an extremely poor country which has been ravaged by corruption and poor Government for many years.
Nevertheless our contributions are vital to sustain the life and health of the poorest and most vulnerable on that island. It will obviously take a huge amount of money and effort to make Port au Prince and other parts of Haiti inhabitable. Reports we see each day indicate a level of poverty and deprivation which are at times unbelievable.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE.

This evening, January 24th at St John's, Kidmore End, beginning at 6.30pm

We always turn up in good numbers at this annual service where we join with the members of the other churches in our villages. Let us continue to keep this tradition alive and deepen our friendship with them.
If you have never been to one of these services before, don't be afraid to come along and join us.

PARISH COUNCIL.

We met on Thursday, and as well as looking back and taking stock of how we felt matters went at Christmas, we also planned for the time ahead, and particularly for Lent. Before Lent we plan to have another **Parish Social** on Saturday 13th February. We hope that it will be much along the lines of the last one which was so successful, but with Pancakes thrown in, so to speak. So there will be a Quiz, with prizes; and we hope that children will come along, as before. There will be nibbles, wine, soft drinks as well at tea and coffee. 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.
As for Lent itself we shall have the weekly **"Holy Hour" on Sunday evenings** and **Stations of the Cross** during the week. But I wonder if the idea of **"House Masses"** would appeal to you? This would involve a family being prepared to allow their home to be opened to their neighbours for Mass to be celebrated. It would be ideal if families from various areas of the parish were prepared to offer this hospitality so that we could build up a sense of belonging to a Catholic community even within the confines of our own particular village community. If you would be interested to offer such hospitality please let me know so that we can explore this idea a little more thoroughly.

WELCOMERS.

We seek more members of the three congregations to become "Welcomers" at each Mass over the week-end.
We are particularly in need of such teams at our 1030. If you would like to become a "Welcomer" please let either Stephen Fox or myself know. Our "Welcomers" are the friendly face of our community.

LADY ALTAR and CANDLE STAND.

We have been give a very lovely small icon of Our Lady, which is now lying on the Lady Altar.
I suggest we place it on the wall adjacent to the candle stand.
I shall also put up a small prayer to accompany our thoughts as we light our candles.

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May we have a peaceful week. Fr Chris