St. Michael's Bulletin

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, February 24th, 2008

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Euan Adamson

9. 00 am Holy Souls 1030 am For our Parish family

Lenten Devotions. Holy Hour at 5.00 pm

Monday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass Tuesday 9.00am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Friday 9.00 am Stations of the Cross and Mass **Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls**

Confessions. Each Saturday, 1130 am – 1200 noon: and after Vigil Mass.

FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Loving Father, send Your healing Spirit on all who are distressed: those separated from their families and for those who have lost family and cannot find them. We pray for Frank Sweeney, Catherine Viner, Jacquie Bussell, Eugenie Micotti, Alison & Betty Gosling, Jack Daly, Philomena Smith , Ron Stephenson, Isobel Gillet, Marguerite Brosnan, Patrick Cafferkey and Joseph Bradley. **Bring them Your healing and peace.**

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Euan Adamson, Sheila Leckey and Fr Sean Farrell who died recently, for all who have been killed in wars, disasters and accidents throughout the world. For victims of terrorism and oppression; for those who die of starvation or neglect. We remember Maria Motyka, Una Cottrell, Nancy Evach, Wyn Hyman, Violet Taylor, George Jones, Pauline Joyce, Margaret Symons, Eleanor Fanning, Thomas Hoban and Jerome Reilly whose anniversaries fall at this time of the year.

May they find rest in Your Love and Peace.

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FAMILY FAST DAY.

Thank you for your contributions which have so far amounted to £392.42. If you forgot to take an envelope for this Fast Day, then you may take one away today: there are several on the table at the back. Many people choose to use Fridays in Lent as a day to eat less and give to charity what they save. The **" 1%** "campaign asks us if we can live on 99% of our income: I'm sure we can. And then we can donate the other 1% to charity to feed those for whom hunger is a daily reality. We try to live simply so that others may simply live.

You will also find jars with stickers on at the back of church. You are asked to take one away (or just take a sticker and put it on your own empty jar) and each time you have a meal at home each person should place 1 penny in the jar. When the jar is full please return it to our Lent Project swing-bin at the back of church.. So far this has raised just over £80: thank you. But all your small change can be placed in here; "Small change can make a big change."

LENT. But Lent is about more than just raising money**.** It is really about a radical overhaul of our personal lives: a good look inwards to examine the quality of our inner lives. Are we kind and gentle? Are we forgiving and ready to be lenient with those who struggle through life each day? The basic line for us all is "Are we Christ-like?"

So, how is our Lent going? Do we feel we are making improvements is our behaviour and in our attitudes?

LENT is like a personal Spring-clean. And as we now begin the third week and we ought to be into our stride, following a personal programme to help us clear out the rubbish and clutter in our personal lives, to make way for new growth. In Eastern philosophy Feng Shui tries to do what the Church asks us to achieve through Lent. So let us clear out the clutter and rubbish and allow the life of the Spirit to re-invigorate our lives in time for Easter.

LENT PROGRAMME.

This evening's Holy Hour begins at 5.00 pm. Stations of the Cross, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, time for individual Confession, silent prayer and reflection, ending with Benediction.

Ecumenical discussions take place at Christ the King in Sonning Common on Wednesday afternoons at 2.00 pm and at 7.30 pm in the evenings. The theme of the study is "The Lord's Prayer". Everyone is welcome.

The **"Walk with Me**" booklets are available at the back to take today and use for your prayers and devotions.

A variety of reading material is on the shelves at the back of church; take some away, read and digest.

THIRD WORLD GROUP

Our Lent Project offers support to a Girls' School in Zambia. Any contributions you make to the swing-bin will go directly to Sister Kieran for the girls' education. Educate a girl and you educate a family……..in perpetuo.

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May we all have a calm and peaceful week. Fr Chris