



St. Michael's Bulletin



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THIRD SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th 2009

Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Our Parish Family

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer and Mass
Friday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

1030 am Holy Souls

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Saturday 5.30 pm Holy Souls

Also this week; Wednesday 1200 noon: Funeral Service for Patrick O'Sullivan

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, Peter Gibson, Nancy Keogh, Michael Boyle, Jack Edwards, Donald Garland, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher and Mary Comfry.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for Ivan George 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 now remember William Tillotson, Alan Graves, Canon Frederick Smythe, Kieran Cotter, John Cano, Carlos Ramirez, Noel Pearce, and Denis & Nora Fogarty whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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UNITED SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.

Thanks to all of you who came along to act as hosts at last Sunday's United Church Service. It was a really good turn-out and our guests were very impressed. Many of them said how welcoming they found us. Our thanks are due to Francis who organised it: and to all of you who participated and supported it – and not least to those who provided and served the refreshments afterwards. Such time spent having a refreshing cuppa together is never waste. It is valuable time which is spent in building up personal encounters with our friends from the other denominations. It was suggested that we might have a shared "Taize" evening at some time: we have done so in the past and so a future event should not be too difficult for us to arrange. We await developments and further discussions in this area

The Anglicans at Christ the King, lead by Rev Barry Olsen, will be hosting the Lent talks again this year. I promised them that I would advertise it on this weekly bulletin and offer encouragement to you to join them as we learn together about our common faith.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The flowers and the decorations throughout the Church at Christmas were marvellous, and we wish to record our gratitude to the Ladies on the Flower-arranging team for the expertise and hard work, not just at Christmas, but throughout the year. The Flower Ladies in their turn now wish me to thank you all very much for your generous contributions towards the Christmas flowers. They tell me that there is always room on the team for anyone else to come along and join them, either as part of a small team of 2 or 3, or as an individual arranger on a rota which has a cycle of about 6 – 7 weeks. So if you do volunteer then you will only be asked to be a flower arranger once each 6 or 7 weeks. And you will have a rest during Lent, of course. Interested? Please let me know

THE CHURCH "PRAYER BOARD"

The St Anthony Prayer Board at the back of Church is looking very clogged. I think that it is marvellous that it has attracted such great usage, and it is obviously very popular with you all. It is there for your requests for prayer for any intentions you may have. But I do appeal to you and ask that if you place a request for prayer on the board that you will also take responsibility and remove that request when it has been answered, otherwise it takes up space which others seeking support from us may not find.. Thank you.

OTHER EVENTS DURING THE YEAR.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION MASS, on Sunday February 8th, the theme is "Reconciliation"

This will be a step in the preparation of the children for their first Confession which takes place in school on March 6th.

Their **First Communion** is in May, on Saturday 16th at 1000 am. (Sorry for the wrong date I put on previous Bulletins)

LENT begins on ASH WEDNESDAY, which this year falls on February 25th **EASTER SUNDAY** falls on April 12th.

THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY will make an appeal on the week-end of April 18th/19th.

CONFIRMATION will be administered by Bishop Kenney on Wednesday June 17th at 7.00.

ST MARTIN'S. We are in the process of looking for a new Head. If interested – or know of anyone else - come for a look-around.

We are also looking for people who will serve as Governors on the School board. Interested? Please let me know

"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today" Malcolm X

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May we all have a peaceful week. Fr Chris