



St. Michael's Bulletin



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, April 25th 2010.

5.30 pm Michael Egan

9.00 am For our Parish Family

1030 am Michael Mountford

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
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 Vinall, Frank O'Donnell, Gwen Payne, Denis Goodchild, Margaret Munter, Michael O'Neil, Mike Nolan, Josephine Clay and Barry Hagar. **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. We pray for Sean Bannon, Julia Delemare, Edna Walsh, Norah Bourne, Charles Halter, Peadar Farrell, Mary Burns, Christopher Stone, Gilbert Lousley, Yvonne de la Harpe, Norman Morey Patrick Keogh, Robert Downs, Marjorie Burge, Peter McCann, Tom Reilly and Eileen and Jo McDemott, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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A DAY AWAY

It has been suggested to me that we think about the possibility of having "A Day Away" as a parish group at Douai Abbey. The time suggested was the early autumn, and perhaps on a Saturday or a Sunday. But if we are to go ahead with the idea then we need to make plans now, and ensure that Douai (or wherever we choose to go) will be able to host us. So first of all may I ask for your response to this idea, whether you think it is a useful or not; and secondly to ask if you have any particular ideas or suggestions as to what would be the content of that day, "What does it mean to be a Catholic in England in the 21st Century?" or some other topic.

SAINT ANSELM & THOMAS A BECKET

There was a statement from all our Catholic Bishops the other day about the child abuse scandal. Archbishop Nichols said that all the Bishops were deeply shamed and shocked by what had happened and the way in which different Bishops had dealt with it. He said that processes and procedures were now in place to ensure that the best possible protection was available to support and protect vulnerable children and young adults. The problem with the scandal was that it seemed that the church was hushing it all up, but in this country there has been a dispute between the Civil and Ecclesiastical Courts from time immemorial. Both St Anselm and Thomas a Becket when they were Archbishops of Canterbury, had great disputes with the Crown about who was responsible for dealing with recalcitrant priests. The Archbishops said it was up to the Church to discipline them, but the Crown wanted to be responsible for crimes and misdemeanours of all the populace.

Now the Bishops inform us that they have handed all responsibility over to the Police, for them to investigate.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that the date for our children's first Holy Communion is Saturday May 15th at 1000 am.

CONFIRMATION

The date for Confirmation is Wednesday June 16th at 7.00 pm when Bishop William Kenney will be with us.

SOCIAL EVENT WITH ST ANNE'S.

St Anne's hosted us to a parish social event at Mapledurham two years ago, when we had a picnic and a Rounders match. They have now suggested that we should host them to another such a social event. We discussed this very briefly in our Parish Council and thought that we might put on a Barbeque, with Barn Dance in and around our own hall. The Parish Council is open to any other suggestions you may have.

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