



St. Michael's Bulletin



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, April 26th, 2009

Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Our Parish family

Monday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

1030 am Holy Souls

Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Paurick Keogh

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, Nancy Keogh, Michael Boyle, Donald Garland, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher, Mary Comfry, David Roberts, Marie Evans, Rita Conlon Margaret Keane
Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for 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 remember in our prayers Sean Bannon, Julia Delemare and family, Edna Walsh, Norah Bourne, Charles Halter, Mary Burns, Christopher Stone, Gilbert Lousley, Yvonne De La Harpe, Norman Morey, Patrick Keogh, Marjorie Burge, Peter McCann, Tom Reilly, Eileen & Jo McDermott and James Allison whose anniversaries fall at this time.
Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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MONTFORT MISSIONARIES.

Fr Paul Allerton, who was with us last week to make an appeal phoned me to say how much he had enjoyed being here for the week-end, and how very grateful he was to you all for you very generous contributions to his Missionary Order. It came to £986.45 . and there will be some Gift Aid to add to that . and that is a mighty total.

CAR PARKING.

In response to the note in last week's bulletin I hope we can improve the way we park, and be a little more disciplined in the way we drive cars on to the space in front of the church. We should park in a manner which allows us to optimise the number of cars able to be parked there. How have YOU parked today?

WEBSITES

Lots of useful websites are now now available on the Internet. Try:- Independent Catholic News; and Vatican.va

BLOOD DONORS

Once again we have been sent an appeal in an attempt to find more willing and able Blood Donors. There is a notice on the board at the back of church with all the details.
There are two sessions for donating blood at The Clubhouse, Rugby Club, Marlow Road. They take place on Friday May 8th and the two sessions are timed at 1.30 . 3.30 & 4.15 . 6.45

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CAVERSHAM

We have received an Invitation from St Anne's to share in the Deanery Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady. This will take place on Sunday 31st May at 3.00 pm and will be led by Bishop William Kenney. If you intend to come along, please bring your own refreshments for a picnic in the St Anne's School playing fields

CHURCH CLEANERS

Thanks to all those who signed up to help with the church cleaning. At the back of church there is a personal rota for each of you with the dates allocated for your turn to clean. Please take your own Cleaning Rota, and if you are unable to clean during that week, you may wish to organise a swap with someone else. If that fails please let Barbara Pike or myself know. If you contact me before you arrive I can open the Church for you, or supply a key.

SAINT GEORGE.

There is a concerted attempt within our Nation to up-grade the celebrations of St George's Day. It is observed that the Irish, Welsh and Scots (and indeed all other nations) display a heightened sense of nationhood through their celebrations on the occasion of their Patron Saint's Feast Day. So, in response to concerns about the increase of immigration, a seeming weakening of national identity and pride, and a growth of colourful cultural celebrations among the minor ethnic communities now living in this country, various worthies within Government have suggested we take time off to celebrate our national Day and its Patron. But how do we celebrate? By drinking ? Is there not something ironic here? George was a foreigner. He was actually from Turkey. He became a Roman soldier, was a convert to Christianity, never set foot on English soil, objected to the Emperor about the persecution of Christians and was beheaded for his lack of loyalty. All the stories about slaying dragons and rescuing maidens in distress are the stuff of legends and fairy-tales. But these seem to be our inspiration. He greatly appealed to the Crusaders, when taking back the Holy Land from the Muslims, and it was they who fostered his cult and brought his image back to England: Shakespeare made him an inspiration to troops in battle. May St George watch over us all, help deepen our unity and help us rejoice in our diversity.

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