St. Michael's Bulletin

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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 26th, 2009
Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Our Parish family **1030 am Vera Ethel Macaulay**
Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer & Mass Tuesday 9.00 am Mass for Gwen Payne, sick
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass Thursday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Friday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass **Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm 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, Donald Garland, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher , David Roberts, Marie Evans, Rita Conlon, Margaret Keane, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinall, Frank O'Donnell, Gwen Payne, Judith Harris and Pat Walton **Bring them Your healing and peace.**

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for Vera Macaulay 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 Bill Riordan, Margaret Lonsdale, Rosita Smith, Kitty and Jimmy Minter, David Andrews, Edward Cottrell, Kathleen Butler, Euliria Antao, Martin Lousley and Rachelle de Souza, whose anniversaries fall at this time. **Grant them the joy of Your Presence.**

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SAINT ANTHONY'S PRAYER BOARD.

This is clearly a very popular and much-used feature in the church. It caters for the needs of so many of us as we place our petitions there and look for prayerful support from each other in our parish community at a time of personal crisis.
But may I ask you to review whatever requests you place there, because it is sometimes the case that a request becomes redundant. For instance, if we seek the successful outcome of an operation which took place successfully some time ago, or pray for someone to recover from an illness who has been better for several weeks and is now back in church with us, then it is not really appropriate to keep the request on the board. May I ask you to look to this in the next few weeks, please.

"DAY FOR LIFE"

There are small leaflets explaining the meaning of this "Day" at the back of church. It tries to explain the simple approach which we should take to the dignity of all human life. It is a useful and very compact explanation of the approach which the Church now takes to the tragedy of suicide, and the way in which we should respond to those caught up in this very sad situation..
There are also envelopes if you wish to make a contribution, and they may be placed in the Offertory basket

POINTS TO PONDER

"The hand that gives is always palm down; The hand that gives is always palm up. God cherishes our dignity by making us not mere recipients of His gifts, but able to put something on the altar to give back to Him." Timothy Radcliffe.

Traveller: "What kind of weather are we going to have today?
Shepherd: "The kind of weather I like.
Traveller; "How do you know it will be the kind of weather you like?
Shepherd: "Having found out long ago sir, that I cannot always get what what I like, I have learnt always to like what I get. So I am quite sure we will have the kind of weather I like" Anthony de Mello
(Useful advice for someone living in Britain!)

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, inthe final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, from those who are cold and are not clothed."
President Dwight Eisenhower

ONE GOOD TURN>>>>>

A poor farmer in Scotland named Fleming heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. When he reached it he found a terrified boy screaming and struggling. He saved the terrified lad from a slow and terrifying death.
The next day a fancy carriage pulled up at the farmer's simple house and an elegant, noble gentleman stepped out and announced himself as the boy's father, now wishing to repay the farmer for his very kind act, but the farmer did not want any payment for his action, which he said he had been delighted to be able to perform
It was then that the farmer's son came to the door and when the nobleman discovered that it was the farmer's son he suggested a deal. He would provide the boy with the same level of education that his own son would have.This was agreed.

The farmer's boy went to the best schools and in time graduated from St Mary's Hospital Medical School in London and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discover of Penicillin.

Year's later the nobleman's son, saved from the bog, was now stricken with pneumonia, but his life was saved by Penicillin. The nobleman was Lord Randolph Churchill, and his young son was to become Sir Winston Churchill.

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May we all have a sunny and rain-free week. Fr Chris