



St. Michael's Bulletin



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THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING November 26th 2006

5.30 pm Holy Souls

	9.00 am	For our Parish family	1030 am	In Thanksgiving
Monday	9.00 am	Morning prayer & Mass	Tuesday	9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Wednesday	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service	Thursday	9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Friday	9.00 am	Morning prayer & Mass	Saturday	5.30 pm Holy Souls

CONFESSIONS. Saturday 1130 – 1200; and after Saturday Evening Mass

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FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Loving Father, send Your healing Spirit on all who are sick; Frank Sweeney, Catherine Viner, Bill Norman, Elisabeth Murphy, George Buck, Eileen Levy, Alan Tillotson, Mary Burke, Jacque Bussell and Eric Brent

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Jan Rehor who died recently; for all killed in wars, disasters and accidents throughout the world. For victims of terrorism and oppression; for those who die of starvation or neglect: and for Edward Cottrell, George Coulehan, Roger & Gwen Whyte, Rob & Margaret Lackie and President John Kennedy, whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they rest in Your Peace.

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THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING.

Today's feast marks the climax and the end of the Church's year. The purpose of our services throughout the year is to point us to the reality of Jesus as King of all Creation. Today we celebrate that feast

THE SEASON OF ADVENT.

Next week we begin the time of Advent. Purple is the dominant colour, representing preparation and repentance. We are reminded in the Scriptures of the promise of a Saviour, and we look back to see how the promises made to God's people came to fulfilment. We now prepare ourselves to celebrate the birthday of Jesus and prepare our hearts and minds for when He will come again in the fullness of time.

But there is a danger in our contemporary world, because for many of us it is a very hectic time of frenzied preparation, and all that goes along with getting ourselves in gear and readiness for Christmas. As we dive into this frenetic activity let us not lose sight of the purpose of it all, lest it become no more than an intense exercise in succumbing to commercial pressures. To help us through Advent we shall have the "Walk with Me" booklets, which help keep our focus each day on the Scriptures which speak to us of Jesus presence.

ADVENT PROJECT. I shall place a large box at the back of church, and during Advent you are asked to place in it suitable food-stuffs which can be passed on to really hungry and needy people in our area.

We hope that at each 1030 Mass on Sunday the children will bring this box to the altar at the Offertory procession, and then on Monday I shall take it to the Christian Community Action shop in the village, - which is run by the Congregational Church, - who will take it to their outreach projects in the Reading area.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE. This will take place on Monday 18th December at 7.00 pm.

TIDY CHURCH. Please try to keep our church neat and tidy. After Mass today please return Bulletins, mass sheets and hymn books to their place at the back of church. If you have dropped any paper on the floor, please pick it up and take it away. Thank you.

SUE RYDER HOSPICE, NETTLEBED. There will be a "Lights of Love" event at the Hospice on Thursday December 7th at 7.00 pm. For more information please see the yellow sheet on the notice-board

LETTER FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS. There is a letter to help us co-ordinate our practice when we administer the Chalice at Mass. This letter is available in the sacristy if you have not yet received one.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED. The course continues at Christ the King on Thursday at 8.00 pm. Soup, bread and fruit: watch a video, have a coffee, then discuss the video, and what we have read in St Mark's gospel.

May the Lord keep us safe throughout the week: Fr Chris