



St. Michael's Bulletin



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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, September 27th 2009.

Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm For Rita Belletty

9.00 am Our Parish family

Monday 9.00am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Friday 9.00 am Jane & George Raynard

1030 am Holy Souls

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Special Intention

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, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher, David Roberts, Marie Evans, Rita & John Conlon, Margaret Keane, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinnall, Frank O'Donnell, Gwen Payne, Pat Walton Denis Goodchild and Sue Meyers

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 pray for Helen Fox, Andrew Gray, Mike & May Quinn, Margaret Moran, Eric Gillett, Syl Cottrell and Annie Deeney whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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ST MICHAEL, OUR PATRON SAINT.

This week-end we celebrate the feast of St Michael, our parish patron saint. The lovely carving of our patron saint, St Michael the Archangel, over by the baptismal font depicts him fighting against Satan. The function of angels has traditionally been seen to portray them as close companions of God, who worship and adore Him and who also act as messengers who bring a message from God to us, frequently appearing in human form. The word "Angel" is a Greek word which means "Messenger" Michael is one of the 4 Archangels mentioned in the Scriptures with Gabriel, Raphael and Ariel as close associates of God. In the Gospel stories of Jesus' infancy angels frequently feature, bringing messages to Mary and Joseph to protect the infant. During His ministry on earth Jesus was regularly ministered to by angels, particularly after the temptations in the desert and again an angel strengthens Him during His agony in the garden. It was Angels who were at the empty tomb on Easter Day to announce that Jesus is Risen as He promised. So they tell the Apostles that they should not look for the living among the dead.

"INSTRUCTIONS FOR MY FUNERAL MASS"

I have left this leaflet at the back of church for you to have a look at. I have ordered a quantity of them so that you can take one and make whatever arrangements you like for your own funeral. This may seem a little maudlin, but there can be so much argumentation within a family if the deceased does not leave any instructions for their funeral. This leaflet is designed to take all the hassle out of such a situation, so that everyone in the family knows what the wishes of their deceased loved one are. You can nominate your chosen Readings and Hymns and make any other arrangements so that your family know and can respect your wishes. And you can say whether you wish your body to be buried or to be cremated, and where your Will is kept.

"NEWMAN NIGHT WALK"

On Thursday 8th October there will be a "Night Walk" to commemorate the anniversary of John Henry Newman's reception into the Catholic Church. It begins with a short meditation at St Aloysius, the Oratory, on Woodstock Road in Oxford, goes via Rose Hill to the church of Blessed Dominic Barberi and ends at Newman's Chapel in Littlemore.

There is a poster on the notice-board with more information and several contact numbers.

BLOOD DONORS.

The NHS is in constant need of blood for all its operations and especially in accident and emergency for all those unforeseen circumstances where blood is needed for a patient. There will be another session at Henley Rugby Club on the Marlow Road on Friday October 2nd. There are notices on the board at the back of church with details of all the sessions and their timings.

VOICE COACHING.

On Saturday October 10th Miss Hannah Long of the Guild Hall School of Music will be here to offer advice on the use of our voice, whether singing or speaking. She will begin her teaching session at 1030am and will be here for a couple of hours. **You are all most welcome to come along** and learn how to project your voice and make best use of your speaking or singing talents. Maybe you only sing in the shower, the bath or the car; that doesn't matter. This session is intended for everyone and whether you sing in the choir or not doesn't matter. It is intended to help each of us make the most of our voices.

I am sure that after participating in such a session it will help improve our congregational singing at each Mass.

NELSON.

There will be an illustrated talk on the life of Nelson at St Anne's on 21st October to commemorate Trafalgar Night. Please see the board at the back of church for all the important details concerning this event.

RETIRING COLLECTION.

You may recall Bishop Kenney's pastoral letter last week which informed us of the work done by Fr Hudson's Society. Many of you took away an envelope last week and will have filled in the necessary information on the back if you wish to Gift Aid your contribution. Please return it either in the Offertory collection basket or in the basket at the end of Mass Today.

Thank you for your constant generosity.

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