



St. Michael's Bulletin



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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY December 27th, 2009.

Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Our parish family

9.00 am Holy Souls

1030 am Murphy Family

Monday 9.00am Eucharistic Service

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

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Thursday 9.00am Eucharistic Service

Friday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Saturday 5.30pm Vigil Mass

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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, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher, David Roberts, Marie Evans, Rita Conlon, Margaret Keane, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinall, Frank O'Donnell, Gwen Payne, Pat Walton, Denis Goodchild, Margaret Munter, Michael O'Neil, Mike Nolan and John Coverdale.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for Brendan Jay Murphy 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 Kathleen, Charles and Nickey Harris, John Halter, Frederick Everett, Kenneth de Silva, Danny Jenkins, Ilona Bakacs, Julia Delemare, John Forbes, Jack Oswald, Louise Coulehan, Mary Williams, Yvonne Fernandes and Matt Kearney, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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During ADVENT there were several calls on your generosity and you responded magnificently. The support for the flooded parish in CUMBRIA realised £875.

The tree of gifts brought in more gifts for the needy than ever before.

The response to the appeal for clothing for men at the Drop-In Centre was most generous. And all this at a time when we are looking to be generous to our family and friends. Thank you all very much for your constant generosity and your readiness to respond to all these appeals.

BIRTHDAY CARD FROM THE CHILDREN

I thank all the children who took the time and trouble to make their own very special cards to place at the Crib to celebrate Jesus's birthday. Thank you all very much. Someone even brought a little present of some chocolates. The adults might like to take a little look at these cards and see how loving and heart-warming these messages are.

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NEW YEAR BEGINS ON FRIDAY.

**"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year,
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown'**

And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way".

May that Almighty Hand guide and uphold us all in the year ahead.

Father Chris and Deacon Francis wish you and your family every happiness and blessing for the New Year.

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May I take this opportunity to thank all of you who offer your help within the parish throughout the year. We all offer a grateful thanks to all our Eucharistic Ministers and Readers; our musicians, singers and servers. To all those who give freely of their time to clean the church. To the Flower Ladies who always provide such stunning displays throughout the year: to those who look after the children each Sunday with their own Liturgy. To those who each week count, bank and keep accounts of our finances; and to those involved with the efficient running of the Gift Aid and envelope scheme. To those who look after the grounds of church, hall and house and keep everything neat and tidy on the approach to the church. And especially Deacon Francis who is busy everyday preparing the altar for Mass and caring for the sick and house-bound throughout the week.

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May we continue to enjoy our time with our families. Fr Chris