



St. Michael's Bulletin



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TWENTYSIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. SEPTEMBER 28th 2008

Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Parish family

10.30 am Holy Souls

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Thursday 9.00 Morning prayer & Mass

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Saturday Vigil 5.30 Holy Souls

FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Lord, send Your Spirit on all who are in any way distressed: Claudina Rodrigues, Eugenie Micotti, Alison & Betty Gosling, Ena Wilson, Marguerite Brosnan, Patrick Cafferkey, Pat Sullivan, Jack Daly, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Ita Ryan, Peter Gibson and Jean Dwyer.

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. For victims of terrorism and oppression; for those who die of starvation or neglect. We remember in prayer Helen Fox, Andrew Gray, Mike & May Quinn, Margaret Moran, Eric Gillett, Sylvester Cottrell and Annie Deeney whose anniversaries fall at this time of the year.

May they find rest in Your Love and Peace.

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SAINT MICHAEL'S WEEKEND

This week-end we welcome Fr David Keniry to our parish. Fr David will be leading us in a mini-retreat and encouraging us to reflect on our Catholic lives. The challenge of the Gospel for each one of us is very personal and comes as an individual invitation from God to enter into deeper and more loving friendship with Him.

The purpose of this mini retreat is to encourage us to explore more fully what this challenge entails for each of us.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME.

This will begin shortly at our parish school. Are there children at other schools who would like to make their First Holy Communion ? Will parents of these children please contact me as soon as possible, please.

PARISH GARDEN.

Many thanks to all of you who have contributed plants and bushes for the proposed parish 'wild garden'. They are slowly finding their way into the grounds surrounding the church, hall and house. If you find that you have excess shrubs, plants and small trees in your garden and wish to pass them on, then we are very happy to have them.

READING "DROP-IN" CENTRE

Thanks also to those of you who have contributed so generously to the appeal for food and clothes for the centre. There will always be a demand for such items, and so whenever we gents are having a clear-out of our clothes we can be sure that they will be welcomed at the centre. Perhaps at this time of the year we might sort through our jumpers, cardigans and pull-overs: maybe some of these have become too small and tight for us to wear comfortably

This centre is for men; but there is also a Women's Refuge in Reading and I shall try to find more information about this Refuge so that we can also offer help to any women in our area who need similar support.

NOTICE-BOARD & PLAQUE

I hope that by now you will all have noticed to new Notice Board and the Papal plaque on the wall outside church. The siting of the notice-board and the plaque on either side of the main-doors gives the church a nice balanced look

CARDINAL NEWMAN

On Saturday 4th October there is the annual Pilgrimage to Littlemore to pray for the Beatification of John Henry Newman. The Mass begins at 1200 noon and this will be followed by refreshments (bring you own) and a talk about Newman, before a tour of the College at Littlemore. Please see yellow poster on the board for more details.

FAMILY FAST DAY.

This falls next week-end, on Friday 3rd October. We always make a good and generous response to this appeal. There are envelopes for you to take away on the table at the back of church. It is also the case that some of our friends who do not frequent church are happy to be involved with such an appeal; so take a couple of spares.

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Points to ponder "There is no lift to happiness: you have to take the stairs"

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I hope we all have a fulfilling week. Fr Chris