



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, November 29th, 2009.**

**Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Sue Meyers**

**9.00 am Our Parish family**

Monday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass  
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass  
Friday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass

**1030 am John Coverdale**

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service  
Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass  
**Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Lucy Shurvell**

**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 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 George Coulehan, Frank Adams, Ron Clark, Roger & Gwen Whyte, Rob & Margaret Lackie and Madge Smith whose anniversaries fall at this time.

**Grant them the joy of Your Presence.**

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**ADVENT**

We now begin this season with the lighting of the first candle on our Advent wreath in the sanctuary. This is a "purple" time in the church's year; purple represents reflection, repentance and preparation for an important event in the near future. This may seem very obvious, but in the hurly-burly that precedes Christmas we can so easily forget it. So the purple vestments, the coverings on the altar and lectern as well as the Advent wreath are powerful visual aids for us during this time. We are preparing to welcome Christ, who is the light of the world.

**"WALK WITH ME"**

There are a number of these small booklets at the back of church as well as a few Advent Calendars... There are also some current issues of "Bible Alive" and "My day by day" for Advent. Plenty of food for thought. Are you be interested in a Study Day at the Catholic Bible School? Please contact Brian Theobald or Stephen Fox

**ADVENT PROJECT.**

I suggested some weeks ago that we would use the time of Advent to make a significant contribution to Third World charities. But the unprecedented floods in Cumbria and the effect they have had on communities in that area should have a call on our charity. During Lent we have, over the past few years, made efforts to support overseas charities and during Advent offer support to charities closer to home. What we see on our TVs each evening has made me realise that we need to offer help to those families whose homes are no longer habitable and who have to leave to go to live with relatives or friends. I phoned the parish priest of Cockermouth and he told me that the church was swilling in smelly water right up to the altar. The Insurance assessors had been to visit, but the clean-up operation will take some time. I told him of our intention to offer our support. The **SWING-BIN** is in place to receive our financial help for these displaced families and their desperate needs.

**RED MISSION BOXES.**

Thanks to all of you who contribute to the Foreign Missions by way of these little red boxes. Last year you gave £939.39; this money is very gratefully received because it is always greatly needed. Thank you

**READING "DROP-IN" CENTRE.**

Thanks to all of you who have so far contributed your un-wanted clothes to this centre. The Centre is asking for men's clothes, especially jeans. Tins of food are also needed; and I am sure we all have some we can contribute.

**FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS**

Our flower arrangers are offering a morning class in Flower Arranging on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>. There is a small notice on the board at the back of church; and there are small hand-outs with relevant information.

**PARISH DIARIES.**

There are a number of these small blue diaries for next year available at the back of church. Please help yourselves

**HOUSE & WINDOW CLEANING.**

Do you need a reliable person to help with cleaning your house? Would you also like a reliable window cleaner? These are services we all need. There are some cards on the table at the back.

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**May we all have a calm and peaceful week. Fr Chris**