



St. Michael's Bulletin



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THE FEAST OF PENTECOST, May 31st, 2009 Vigil of Sunday 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Our Parish family	1030 am Private Intention
Monday 9.00am Eucharistic Service	Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service	Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & 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, Alison & Betty Gosling, Ena Wilson, Marguerite Brosnan, Joseph Bradley, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Nancy Keogh, Michael Boyle, Donald Garland, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher, Mary Comfry, David Roberts, Marie Evans, Rita Conlon, Margaret Keane, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinall, Tony Moran and Katie Boyle.

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 Basil Iwasyk, Ruth Coyne, Margaret Hamilton-Jones, Lucy Shurvell, Sharon Ruddle, Sheila Smith, James Curran, Eric Brent, Seamus Keane and Adam Hilliard, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence.

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THE FEAST OF PENTECOST.

Pentecost means 50 in Greek. It is 50 days since Easter. Today we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. At the beginning of time the Spirit of God hovered over the earth and brought order out of chaos. Today the Spirit brings order and new life to the community of believers who boldly go out and share the good news of God's love and forgiveness to us all.

The vestments, lectern and altar frontals are Red, recalling the 'tongues of fire', the flames of the Holy Spirit.

This feast is also known as Whitsunday, or White Sunday, because of the white robes which were worn on this day in past times by the newly baptised. Along with Easter Sunday this feast was the only one when baptisms were permitted.

In the old Jewish tradition in which Jesus was brought up Pentecost marked the completion of the harvest rejoicing.

The seeds planted in October are harvested from mid-March onwards, and after a period of "a week of weeks" (7x7) the harvest is completed and celebrations take place. In our Christian tradition it is seen as the triumphant conclusion of the cycle of the seasons of the year which began with Advent, announcing the coming of the Messiah. Today all has come to fulfillment.

After our Mass today the Easter Candle is placed by the baptismal font and from it are lit the candles of the newly baptised.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will take place today, beginning with a Shared Lunch at 1200 noon. The Meeting will begin when we have eaten, had a chance to chat together and feel ready for the business of our AGM. This is open to everyone, and we hope that if you have not been to one before, you will come along. It is here that decisions are made about the future of the parish.

The Annual Parish Accounts can be seen on the board at the back of church.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

There is a Solemn Mass and Procession at Mapledurham House on Thursday June 11th at 1100 am to celebrate this feastday. Gates of the grounds will be opened at 1000 am if you wish to arrive early. After the procession there will be an opportunity to visit the grounds and gardens and then to sit in the grounds and have your picnic lunch. Lets hope the weather is kind to us.

SAINT BIRINUS PILGRIMAGE.

This takes place on June 21st. It begins at Churn Knob, Blewbury at 1215 with a picnic lunch; the walk begins at 1.00pm. If you wish to leave your car at Dorchester a bus will pick you up at 1145am and take you to the start. Tea will be served from St Birinus in Dorchester from 4.30pm. There will be a procession to the Abbey at 6.00pm in order to be present for the Service.

ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL FETE

On Saturday June 13th, from 1200 noon – 2.00pm. Stalls, games, crafts, Bouncy Castle, refreshments, BBQ and Pimms Tent. The School Orchestra will also be playing for us. You are all most welcome. Even if you have no current involvement with the school, not having children or grand-children, you are cordially invited to come along, support us and join in the fun.

CONFIRMATION

On June 17th Bishop William Kenney will be here to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Bishop William is now the Administrator of the Diocese, - taking charge, but not having full authority, - in the absence of an Archbishop. Bishop William will still be able to honour this commitment. Are there any who are not at our Catholic school who would like to be included in this celebration? Please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.

"MY DAY BY DAY".

The June edition of this little booklet is now on the table at the back of church. Although it has been taken up enthusiastically in previous months, there were a good number left over last month. Do we still want to take it? We order 10 each month, but maybe we should cut this down from the present 10 copies to a smaller number if they are not being taken. They are £1.00 each

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS.

Our warmest congratulations to Samantha Aldworth and Paul Jerome who were married yesterday at the Stonor Chapel. May the Lord grant them a long and happy life together.

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May we all have a sunny week. Fr Chris