St. Michael's Bulletin

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, March 9th, 2008

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9. 00 am For our Parish family 1030 am Holy Souls

Lenten Devotions. Holy Hour at 5.00 pm

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass Tuesday 9.00am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass Thursday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Friday 9.00 am Stations of the Cross and Mass **Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls**

Confessions. Each Saturday, 1130 am – 1200 noon: and after Vigil Mass.

FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Loving Father, send Your healing Spirit on all who are distressed: those separated from their families and for those who have lost family and cannot find them. We pray for Frank Sweeney, Jacquie Bussell, Eugenie Micotti, Alison & Betty Gosling, Jack Daly, Philomena Smith , Ron Stephenson, Babi Joseph, Marguerite Brosnan, Patrick Cafferkey and Joseph Bradley.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for all who died recently, for all who have been killed in wars, disasters and accidents throughout the world. For victims of terrorism and oppression; for those who die of starvation or neglect. We remember Henry Littlewood, Cyril Lowther, Francis Fallowes, Roman Szulc, Lilian Peach, Josephine Keogh, Lucy Shurwell and Dorothy Flannery, whose anniversaries fall at this time of the year. **May they find rest in Your Love and Peace**.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

At our 1030 Mass today we continue with the preparation for the childrens first holy Communion.

The theme of our Mass today is "Reconciliation" and the children will be helping us all come to a better understanding of what this means in our daily lives.Their first Confession is at school on Thursday morning. How peaceful the world would be if we all acknowledged our mistakes and sought forgiveness for them from each other Please note that our annual **LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will take place next Monday, 17th, at 7.00 pm. For those who have not been to such a service before may I commend it to you, particularly if you are frightened of confession or may nor have been for quite a time. This is a very gentle and un-threatening service, and because it takes place during Mass it makes it possible for those who might have been away from church for some time to be able to receive Holy Communion during the service, as they make this new beginning and a fresh start.

LENT PROJECT.

Thank you for your continuing generosity towards our Lent Project. So far this has raised £347.68: thank you.

LENT PROGRAMME.

This evening's Holy Hour begins at 5.00 pm. Stations of the Cross, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, time for adoration and our own personal silent prayer and reflection, ending with Benediction.

CLOSING OF DEANERY PARISH VISITATION.

This was at the Oratory school on Tuesday. Bishop Kenney presented a general report of his visits to all the parishes in our Deanery. He was very positive in his comments. His report is now on the board for you all to read.

WELCOMERS

Thanks are due to all who have kindly volunteered to become Welcomers. This is a most invaluable ministry. It is important for everyone arriving at church to encounter a friendly, smiling face and a warm, welcoming greeting.

FLOWER ARRANGERS.

We need two or three more volunteers, and we are open to men who have abilities and talents in this area, to join the ladies who make our church look so lovely and lively with their arrangements. Interested? Please let me know.

CHOIR PRACTISE.

On Saturday from 1030 onwards, to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. You are welcome to come and join us.

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