St. Michael's Bulletin

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, February 10th, 2008
Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Bill Hoban
9. 00 am Holy Souls 10.30 am For our Parish family
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 Morning prayer & Mass
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, Catherine Viner, Jacquie Bussell, Eugenie Micotti, Alison & Betty Gosling, Jack Daly, Philomena Smith , Ron Stephenson, Isobel Gillet, Marguerite Brosnan, Patrick Cafferkey and Joseph Bradley. **Bring them Your healing and peace.**

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Michael Topham and 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 Joanna Sheehan, Marie King, Diane Fox, Joan Leach, Delia Davies and Harold Price, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they find rest in Your Love and Peace.

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WELCOME TO BISHOP WILLIAM KENNEY.

Today we welcome Bishop William, who has come to visit us for the week-end and affirm us in our faith. Francis took him to visit some of our sick and house-bound parishioners during the day on Saturday. Today Bishop William will share with us a vision of how our huge Diocese operates and what is its vision for the future. On Friday we discussed with Bishop William various concerns we have about the viability of our parish at a time when there appears to be a dwindling number of priests.What plans are there for St Michael's ?

LENT PROGRAMME

We offer a series of devotions and study groups which we hope will be of benefit..See BLUE sheet on the board. Each Sunday we will have a Holy Hour in church, beginning at 5.00 pm. It will be slightly different each week, but will include Stations of the Cross, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, opportunity for Individual Confessions, a reflection on the "Walk with Me" booklet, and ending with a simple form of Benediction.
Francis will have a Bible Study evening on Tuesdays at 7.00 pm in Church, with the following week's Scripture readings as the basis for the study and reflection.
I also encourage you to attend the Ecumenical discussions taking place at Christ the King in Sonning Common on Wednesday afternoons at 2.00 pm and at 7.30 pm in the evenings. The theme of the study is "The Lord's Prayer" The "Walk with Me" booklets are available at the back of church for you to take today and use each day for your prayers and devotions. Sacred Heart Parish, Henley, will host 4 interactive talks by Fr Tim Buckley entitled "Getting to know the Bible" These will take place on Tuesdays, beginning at 8.00pm and ending before 9.30pm

THIRD WORLD GROUP

Printed labels on the table are for you to attach to your empty jars which you fill with your spare, loose change and then bring it to the Swing-Bin. It may be small change to us, but it can make a big change to those in our world who have so little. And is it possible for you to live on 99% of your income? Then think about donating the other 1% to the charitable cause we are espousing during Lent, which is the girls' school in Zambia..

CHURCH AND HALL CLEANING. MEN'S TEAM

Next Saturday, February 16th, we ask the men of the Parish to come along and give the church and the hall a good clean. The church is looking well: the Hall needs a good, sturdy clean-up. From 1000 am onwards, please, gents. There will be another Church cleaning by the Mens Team on Wednesday of Holy Week, March 19th at 6.30 pm.

FRIDAY IS FAMILY FAST DAY.

This is an important day in our personal Lenten journey. We go without our usual amount of food and give the money we have saved to those who have very little or nothing at all. Please ensure you take away an envelope.

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