St. Michael's Bulletin

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, February 17th, 2008
Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls
9. 00 am Holy Souls 1030 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 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 John Dowd, Peter Davies, Eileen Arkell, Bridie Bonner, Jimmy Thompson, Mary Ann Kennedy, Kevin Watters, Edward Lonsdale and Maria Motyka, whose anniversaries fall at this time. **May they find rest in Your Love and Peace**.

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BISHOP WILLIAM KENNEY.

Bishop William was clearly delighted to be with us last week-end. He was very pleased with everything he experienced while he was with us, and particularly the lovely welcome he received from everyone he met.
He went away with a smile on his face, and when he sends us his official report I am sure it will reflect very positively on the efforts we are all making to ensure that St Michael's is a warm-hearted and welcoming family.

LENT PROGRAMME

Each Sunday we will have a Holy Hour in church, beginning at 5.00 pm. It will include Stations of the Cross, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, time for silent prayer and reflection, ending with Benediction.
This is at an earlier time than last year because many are disinclined to come out in the dark evenings.
There will be 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.
Ecumenical discussions take 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". Everyone is welcome.
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" The first of these will take place on Tuesday 26th, beginning at 8.00pm and ending before 9.30pm.
I have also placed a variety of reading material on the shelves in the small alcove at the back of church; books, booklets, pamphlets and there are some interesting and challenging ideas to be digested in this literature. If there is something that takes your fancy please take itaway and read it.
We shall soon have the timings of the services for Holy Week on a card for you to take away and share with neighbours and friends. Some of these timings will be earlier than last year, because Easter is early.

I have suggested that on Holy Thursday and on Holy Saturday our evening service should begin at 7.00 pm, so that we can return home before it is too dark, cold or late.

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.
FAMILY FAST DAY. Please return your envelope via the Offertory collection plate today. Thank you .

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