



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, December 30th, 2007

**Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Hannah Fitzgerald**

**9.00 am For our Parish family 1030 am Pietro di Mambo**

Monday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass Tuesday, New Year's Day. 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass

Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass Thursday 9.00 am Eucharistic service

Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer & 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. We pray for those separated from their families and for those who have lost children and cannot find them. We pray for Frank Sweeney, Catherine Viner, Jacque Bussell, Eugenie Micotti, Alison and Betty Gosling, Jack Daly, Philomena Smith and Ron Stephenson.

**Bring them Your healing and peace.**

#### FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Paul Snapes and Benazzir Bhutto 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 also remember John Forbes, Jack Oswald, Louise Coulehan, Mary Williams, Yvonne Fernandes, Matt Kearney, Grace Rehor, James Belletty, Peter Raynard and Kitty Cottrell, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

**May they find rest in Your Love and Peace.**

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Francis and I wish you all every happiness and blessing for the New Year.

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#### THE HOLY FAMILY

Today the church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

God's love for us is revealed through a family.

Christmas is inseparably linked with this family and we should reflect that Christmas would mean very little to us if we could not celebrate it with our family. I hope we can look back over the past few days and bask in the glow of the wonderful time we spent with each other at home as we ate, drank, chatted and played our games or just reminisced and talked together. Such times are beyond price, and we should treasure and nurture them.

#### CHRISTMAS.

I wish to thank you all for your participation in the various services leading up to and including Christmas. Feed-back from the Mass of Reconciliation was very positive, and judging by the numbers attending, it is proving to be very popular, too. I think that the method we have come to adopt here at St Michael's suits everyone very well and meets their needs in a variety of ways.

The numbers at the 6.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve were most encouraging, but it seems clear that we need to work out how to give a better priority to the children, while asking adults to incline more to the 9.00 pm Mass. We shall have to work on that idea. A friend of mine in another Parish has an even earlier Mass in the late afternoon for the children: are we moving towards that, too ?

Thanks to our musicians who turned up in great numbers for our 6.00 pm, 9.00pm and Christmas Day Masses. It was a wonderful experience to see and hear so much talent on display: thank you all.

#### ADVENT PROJECT.

This has raised £670.61. We shall know the final total only when today is over. I shall leave the swing-bin out until tomorrow morning and then take your generous offerings up to HELEN HOUSE during the week. Thank you.

**T-LOOP.** We now have a T-Loop installed. This is of great benefit to those who wear hearing aids. All you need to do is switch your Hearing Aid to the T position in order to benefit from this system.

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#### THANKS TO YOU ALL

LAST, but not least, my sincere thanks to you all for your very kind and generous Christmas offerings. At a time when there are so many demands on your pockets and purses, I am deeply appreciative of your kindness to me.

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**May we all have an enjoyable and peaceful week. Fr Chris**