



St. Michael's Bulletin



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Fifth Sunday of the Year February 4th, 2007

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Deceased parishioners 1030 am Our Parish family

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

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

Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Mass

CONFESSIONS. Saturday 1130 – 1200; and after Saturday Evening Mass

Also this week. **Tuesday 1100 am Funeral service** at Henley Road Crematorium for Eileen Levy

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FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Loving Father, send Your healing Spirit on all who are sick; Frank Sweeney, Catherine Viner, Bill Norman, George Buck, Gillian Schwartz, Alan Tillotson, Mary Burke, Jacque Bussell, Claudina Rodrigues and Eric Brent.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Elsie Wenman and all who died recently. For all killed in wars, disasters and accidents throughout the world. For victims of terrorism and oppression; for those who die of starvation or neglect: for Derrick Palman, Richard Hoban, Eileen Leech and Joanna Sheehan, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they rest in Your Love and Peace.

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PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION. Our Celebration Mass at 1030 am is about "Caring".

The purpose of this part of the children's preparation is to show how important it is show our care and concern for each other. It is through our prayers, especially the Bidding Prayers, when we bid God to listen to our worries, and anxieties and concerns that we show our love and concern for each other. This attitude of caring should alert us to the needs of others and of the importance of doing something to help. We ask God's guidance so that we can take the appropriate action. We pray that we may try to make our world a better, more caring and kindly place for us all to live together in harmony; and we ask God to strengthen us with His grace to help us to be his good and faithful servants and friends.

THIRD WORLD GROUP. We will be meeting at 8.00 pm on Monday at 8.00 pm in the house to discuss what we should be doing during Lent, which begins on Wednesday 21st February. CAFOD has a slogan which says "Live simply, challenge poverty". CAFOD is also challenging us to think of "The power of 1%". This asks us to consider if we can live on 99% of our income, and donate the other 1% to help eradicate poverty. We are being challenged to live more simply and to be more aware of the impact our daily lives have on our rapidly changing environment.

If we are to have a parish Project during Lent, what should it be? All suggestions are very welcome and will be discussed when we meet. If you would like to come along to the meeting you will be most welcome.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP. We shall meet on Thursday 15th February at 1030 am in the house.

A PARISH PILGRIMAGE will be departing for Medjugorje on Thursday 7th June and will return on Thursday 14th June. This is being organised by Gerry Buck who will take your bookings and offer any information you require; Gerry's number is 0118-972-2033

LENT begins on Wednesday February 21st. To help us understand the meaning of Lent and to appreciate the importance of the Easter Vigil a little better I have invited Father Gervase from Douai Abbey to come to us on the first Sunday in Lent and talk to us all at each of the Masses.

If we forgot to make any New Year's Resolutions, or if we have in any way failed to keep them, then Lent is always a good time for us pick ourselves up, dust ourselves down and start all over again.

How about a united family resolution to grow closer together as a family during Lent?

GIFT AID. Do you pay Tax? If so, do you have a box of envelopes for the Offertory collection ?

This is the first step for us to take so that we can reclaim from the Treasury the tax you pay on that offering. There is an explanatory leaflet at the back for you to take away. Ed Pearce will answer your queries.

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I hope you all have a good and peaceful week. Fr Chris