St. Michael's Bulletin

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Second Sunday in Lent March 4th, 2007

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Special intention 1030 am Our Parish family

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

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

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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, Jacquie Bussell, Claudina Rodrigues, Eric Brent and Eugenie Micotti.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for 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: Honey Cooke, Timothy Pereira, Cyril Lowther, Henry Littlewood, Roman Szulc and Lilian Peach whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they rest in Your Love and Peace.

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DEVOTIONS & LENTEN SERVICES THIS WEEK.

This evening at 6.00 pm there will be a service of Exposition, Stations of the Cross and Benediction.
On Tuesday evening a Bible Study in the parish house at 7.30 pm to study next Sunday's readings
On Friday we shall have Stations of the Cross before Mass, replacing our usual Morning Prayer.
On Saturday morning at 8.00 am the men of the parish are invited to a Prayer Breakfast in the parish house.

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Lent is an important time . Today we welcome Fr Gervase from Dousai Abbey who will talk to us about the importance of Lent and its fulfilment in the ceremonies of the Easter Vigil.

GOSPEL OF SAINT MARK. On the evening of Sunday March 18th we plan to have a complete reading of the Gospel of St Mark as our Evening Devotion. I here appeal for volunteer readers to make themselves known so that we can give you the "script" in advance for you to rehearse. We did this last year and it was well received by all who came along to hear it. To read or hear the whole Gospel in one sitting is very powerful.

PARISH PROJECT. We are trying to raise £750 for a school in Zambia. There is a letter from the Headmistress of the school on our notice-board. She is thanking us for our interest in her pupils. They are all girls, who have always been disadvantaged in African culture, where they were not considered worthy of education. So by helping educate girls we are securing their future through the greater possibility of their employment when schooling comes to an end. Any financial contributions you would like to make may be placed in the swing-bin at the back of church. I hope we are all collecting our small change each time we have a meal. Remember, "SMALL CHANGE CAN MAKE A BIG CHANGE", especially to those who have so very little. We hope to equip the children with pencils, chalk, exercise books and other simple but necessary items Please use empty jars from your kitchen and fill them with loose change. Each family member is asked to put 1p in the jar every time you have a meal. We also want to heighten our awareness of the need to do something positive for the environment: we encourage everyone to think about cutting down by 1% on everything we consume, whether food, drink, electricity, water or waste. How much do we leave out each week for the bin men? It's amazing how much rubbish we accumulate. Can we reduce it, do you think?

FRIDAY WAS FAMILY FAST DAY. I hope we made good use of this fast day. Please return your Fast Day envelopes in today's collection. There are more envelopes available if you would like to take another. Can you make every Friday a fast day? Have you ever tried a 24-hour fast….just bread and water?

THIRD WORLD GROUP. There will be a meeting in the parish house on Monday at 8.00 pm.

CAVITY WALL INSULATION. During the week the church was insulated in this manner. Can you tell?

SOCIAL COMMITTEE. It would be marvellous if we had a small social committee to make suggestions for our get-togethers and perhaps help to arrange them. Are there any such willing volunteers amongst us?

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I hope you all have a good week. Fr Chris