St. Michael's Bulletin

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. August 5th, 2007

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Private Intention 1030 am For our Parish family

Monday 9. 00 am Morning Mass Tuesday 900 am Morning Mass
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning Mass Thursday 9.00 am Morning Mass.
Friday 9.00 am Morning Mass **Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Mass.**

Confessions each Saturday at 1130 am – 1200 noon: and after Vigil Mass.

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FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Loving Father, send Your healing Spirit on all who are in anyway distressed. We pray for those separated from their families and for those who have lost children and cannot find them. We pray for those who are sick; Frank Sweeney, Catherine Viner, Alan Tillotson, Jacquie Bussell, Eugenie Micotti, John Leach, Maggie Munter, Patrick O'Sullivan, Claudina Rodrigues and Chris Mubanga

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 particularly Bernard Morgan, Nicola Juniper, Marie Wardle, Mary Fogarty, Ted Dockrell, Josefa Cano, Sylvia Buffery and John Joseph Walsh, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they rest in Your Love and Peace.

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RE-LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH.

This will be taking place during this week. The plan is to take out our existing lights and replace them with an entirely new system which will greatly enhance the church building and give more light to everyone in their benches.
There will be great disruption in the church this week as large mobile machines are brought in to lift the workmen up to the where the lighting points are in the ceiling. In order to help them do all this work as quickly and efficiently as possible we shall not come into the church for morning Mass. Instead I suggest that we use the dining room in the parish house each morning for our daily Mass, which will be a little more cosy, homely and simple.

If you do come to Mass in the house during the week please enter by the back door

CIRCLE DANCING.

We are invited to a **Circle Dance** at Christ the King hall this Sunday evening. This will bring together Circle Dances from around the world and tries to engender a sense of oneness, harmony and peace. You will need a pair of comfortable shoes. You may wish just to come and watch and listen. The evening begins at 7.00 pm and will end at about 8.45pm.

COLOUR SCHEME.

During this week the decorators will come to look at the interior of the church again, talk with the lighting men and together with the ideas you have put to me, will decide on a colour scheme which will enhance our church, make it look brighter, cleaner, more inviting and welcoming and altogether more fitting for our liturgical celebrations. Some of us will miss those cobwebs which have been hanging round for such a long time, but no doubt our resident spiders will soon find a new home. After our 1030 Mass today we shall take down the crucifix from over the altar. This will give us a chance to have a look at it close-up, clean it and decide whether we should alter the colour to make it look more like real wood.

MUSIC & CHOIR

Last week-end I presented bouquets to the ladies who have long been faithful members of our 1030 choir. They now feel it is time to step down. The bouquets were a token of our appreciation for their long and faithful service.

Music and singing are very important for our worship and we thank these ladies for all they have done.

The month of August is a time when many go on holiday and our musicians also need a break.During this month we do not normally have music at our 1030. But I am appealing to those who would like to help with our music and the choir to think about this in the weeks ahead so that when we do come back from our holidays we can make a fresh start.

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I hope we all have a sunny and relaxing week. Fr Chris