



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. October 7th, 2007**

**Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls**

**9.00 am Mary Dooley**

**1030 am For our Parish family**

Monday 9.00 Morning prayer & Mass

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

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Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

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**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 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, Jacque Bussell, Eugenie Micotti, John Leach, Maggie Munter, Patrick O'Sullivan, Claudina Rodrigues, Pat Linthwaite, Alison and Betty Gosling and Kitty Jakubiszyn

**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 Helen Cunningham, Joe Ashby, George Hadju, Patrick Selwood, Francis Fallows, Eileen Milne, Mary Andrews, Thomas Butler and Stephen Boyle, and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.

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

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**RETURN OF CAFOD ENVELOPES.**

Family Fast Day fell on Friday. If you took away an envelop last week-end you are invited to return it today via the offertory collection basket. Family Fast Day increases our awareness of the needs of the poorest and most hungry in our world, and of our responsibility to share our resources with them. We are invited to go without our usual amounts of food on that day – or on some other day, if Friday is not practicable for us – in order to experience even if only in a small way the sense of hunger which for millions in our world is a daily and painful reality. Can you remember the last time you were really hungry? Our efforts to support them are an important feature of our own Christian lives.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Next Sunday the children will be helping us to understand a little better the notion of "Belonging". To belong is a profound need we all have. To belong to a family, a close knit-community, a nation or someone very special to us. In our parish family we belong together because we are all part of God's family, brothers and sisters of Jesus. We need to become more aware of this reality and learn how to live it out in our daily lives and when we come to share in our Mass together.

**VISITATION OF THE BISHOP TO OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC PARISHES**

On October 25<sup>th</sup> Bishop Kenney is coming to begin a Deanery Visitation, which will be held at Sacred Heart in Henley, and we are all invited to it. The Parish Council in each of our local parishes is asked to be present, when we will be presented with an overview of each parish, as well as an overall overview of the parishes within the deanery.

In February Bishop Kenney will be coming to us here at St Michael's and will spend the week-end with us. I propose that our St Michael's week-end ( whenever we choose to hold it ) be given over to a reflection of life within our parish; and to look at the progress we have made since the last Visitation, which was in September 2004. Please have a good ponder on these matters. Your thoughts and ideas are all most welcome.

**CIRCLE DANCING.** At Christ the King Hall on Sedgewell Road this Sunday at 7.00 pm. Everyone welcome.

**SONNING COMMON COMMUNITY PLAN.** We are all invited to attend the launch of our Community Plan at the Village Hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, from 3.00pm until 9.00 pm – to share your views on how to improve our village. What do we like/dislike about it? Refreshments will be provided. Please see the notice on the board at the back of church

**READERS AT MASS.** During this month we want to encourage as many of you as possible to think about becoming Readers at Mass. There is a list at the back of church for your names and the week-end Mass you most frequently attend. In future months we will encourage volunteers for the Choir, for Cleaners and for offering lifts to Mass.

I shall also be writing to several of you to think about becoming Eucharistic ministers.

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**God bless you all. Fr Chris**