

St. Michael's Bulletin

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EASTER SUNDAY April 8th, 2007

Saturday Vigil 9.00 pm

9.00 am Our Parish Family

1030 am Holy Souls

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Wednesday 1230 pm Requiem Mass for Christine Ryman

Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

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Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil 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, Alan Tillotson, Mary Burke, Jacquie Bussell, Eric Brent, Eugenie Micotti, Joan Selwood, Pat Linthwaite and John Leach

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Gerry Buck 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: and for Lilian Everett, Joyce Ashby, Ina Dias, Mary Lousley, Catherine Nevin, Ron Ryan and Geza Toth whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they rest in Your Love and Peace.

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THIS IS EASTER, THE TIME OF RESURRECTION AND NEW LIFE.

Francis and I offer our very best wishes to you all for a very happy and enjoyable Eastertide.

I wish to express my personal thanks to you all for the way you have participated in the services during our time of Lent. I hope that all we did together has proved to be useful and productive in our inner lives. Both of the Reconciliation Services were well-attended and the Reconciliation Mass during Holy Week seems to be drawing in people from our neighbouring parishes, as well as people from our own who have not been here for quite a while. It was good to note that on the Walk of Witness through the village on Good Friday there were 34 people present, of whom 14 were from St Michael's. Thanks to Francis for organising the Walk and to our musicians who lead us in the singing.

CHURCH. The moving from one side of church to the other of the Choir and the Baptismal Font has met with universal approval. I think that we ought to move the carving of Saint Michael to the wall by the font so that our parish patron is in full view in a more highly-visible setting. At the moment he is lost at the back of church and too easily fades away into the background of the brick wall. However this recent move has highlighted our need to decorate. We will discuss this at our next parish Council meeting and report on the decisions or suggestions which we make.

GERRY BUCK. The Requiem Mass for Gerry Buck, who died last week, cannot be arranged until the Coroner releases his body to the Funeral Director. It is only then that Gerry's family can begin the arrangements. However, as soon as I receive any news I shall announce it and am confident that the news will spread quickly to all who are interested and would want to attend the funeral of this lovely and gentle man.

FLOWER LADIES. A special word of thanks is due to our flower ladies for all their work throughout the year, but particularly at this Eastertide. I think that the Church looks particularly lovely at the moment.

PARISH PROJECT. Is there any more to come? I am confident that we will reach the target of £750, but if you have any money still to hand in place it in the swing-bin as soon as possible, please.

FAMILY FAST DAY. The final total you gave was £439.50. Thank you very much indeed.

This is sent to CAFOD, (which stands for Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) who are on the ground in the most needy parts of the world. They ensure that our contributions have the greatest possible impact. Incidentally, if any of our young people are thinking of having a Gap-Year after leaving school, why not think about going to offer your services to CAFOD for a year? This would be a marvellous experience.

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NEW ENVELOPES take effect this week-end. Please ensure you have the correctly numbered box. There is a red rubbish bin at the back for you to dump your old boxes in, if you so wish.

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I wish you all every happiness for Eastertide, Fr Chris