

# St. Michael's Bulletin

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. July 8th, 2007

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Private Intention

1030 am For our Parish family

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

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Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Mass.

Confessions each Saturday at 1130pm – 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 and Claudina Rodrigues

**Bring them Your healing and peace.**

### FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for all who died recently, and 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: victims of the 2005 London terrorist bombings, Helen Coyle, Jerry Ferris, Andrzej Jakubiszyn (Henry), Michael & Julia Keogh, Maria O'Shea, Jack Coyle, Christopher & Alf Wade, Martin Dougan, Jimmie O'Shea, Frank Johnson and Nan Oattes, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

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

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### PARISH COUNCIL.

The Council met on Thursday and opted for the quotation supplied by J&D Mooney for £5,903 for the redecoration of the church. This work can only begin once the new lighting has been installed, and that work should begin within the next four weeks at the most.

Once these two areas of refurbishment are completed it is planned to have carpet tiles put down throughout the church and then have a T-loop system installed for those who wear hearing aids.

It is also proposed that the wooden carving of St Michael, which seems lost at the back of the church, should be placed on the wall by the baptismal font, thus giving our patron a more visible presence in church. And the symbolism of Michael thrusting Satan away is most appropriate for the area of the baptismal font.

I hope that when the work does begin in earnest that there will be as little disruption as possible. I have asked those involved with these works to begin on a Monday and be finished by Friday so that the church is completely available for us at the week-end. They tell me that this is entirely possible.

### GIFT AID

We recently received a cheque from HM Revenue and Customs for £7,946.02: this being the tax reclaimed on the donations you have made through your Gift Aid contributions. Thank you all for signing the Gift Aid form, but I suspect there may be one or two who have not yet done so but who are willing to if asked: I am now asking. Please let me know when you would like a book of envelopes. Our most grateful; thanks go to Ed Pearce for all his hard work in organising and co-ordinating all the names and boxes and encouraging us to join the scheme to ensure we receive maximum benefit from this Government initiative and to ensure we receive maximum return from all your contributions.

### PICNIC AT MAPLEDURHAM.

St Anne's have invited us to their picnic at Mapledurham House on Sunday 22nd. More details later.

### HOW TIME FLIES.

This week-end is my second anniversary here with you. Doesn't time fly when you are enjoying yourself? We often hear the press and media talk about falling numbers and emptying churches, but that does not seem to be happening here. Our attendances at the week-end are on the rise (steadily) and so is the growth in our Catholic population. During my two years here we have had 22 funerals, but 32 baptisms with 4 more already planned. We have also been very pleased to welcome several young, new families into our parish. So we are growing! May we continue to grow and prosper in love for the Lord and each other.

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I hope we all have a happy week. Fr Chris