



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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Sixth Sunday of the Year February 11th, 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 Morning prayer & Mass

Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Mass

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, Jacque Bussell, Claudina Rodrigues and Eric Brent.

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: for Joanna Sheehan, Marie King, Diane Fox, Joan Leach, Delia Davies and John Dowd whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they rest in Your Love and Peace.

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**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP.** We shall meet on Thursday at 1030 am in the house for tea and coffee and begin our meeting at 1100 am. This is open to anyone who has lost someone very close to them. We hope that by sharing our stories we may be able to help and strengthen each through our grieving process and help us all come to terms with our great loss and move gently forward.

**THIRD WORLD GROUP.** We have chosen to adopt as a Lent Project the challenge of raising £750 for a school in Zambia, to help equip the children with pencils, chalk, exercise books and other simple but necessary items which we take for granted and have in great quantities. The children we want to support have to pay for their schooling and we would like to help them to achieve this in order to lift themselves out of poverty. There will be empty jars at the back for you to take away and fill with your loose change. We ask each family member to put 1p in the jar every time you have a meal. We also want to try to heighten our awareness of the need to do something positive for the environment and we encourage everyone to think about cutting down by 1% on everything we consume, whether food, drink, electricity, water or waste.

CAFOD challenges us to think of "The power of 1%". This asks us to consider if we can live on 99% of our income, and donate the other 1% to help eradicate poverty. We are being challenged to be more aware of the impact our daily lives have on our rapidly changing environment, so we must cut down on the way we waste precious resources such as waste and electricity, by ensuring when we leave a room we turn the light off, or by only filling the kettle with as much water as we need when making a cup of tea/coffee, and not using the stand-by button on the TV, etc. We also do ourselves an economic favour by being frugal and not wasteful. It will be good for us to think about how much waste we accumulate each week and see if we can reduce it.

**LENT** begins on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Father Gervase from Douai will come to us on the first Sunday in Lent to help us understand its meaning and importance. During Lent we shall have Evening Devotions each Sunday, beginning at 6.00 pm. We shall begin with a Reconciliation Service on the first Sunday evening and, and on other Sundays will offer a mix of Stations of the Cross, Benediction and time for individual confessions.

If we forgot to make any New Year's Resolutions, or if we have in any way failed to keep them, then Lent is always a good time for us pick ourselves up, dust ourselves down and start all over again.

How about a united family resolution to grow closer together as a family during Lent?

**A PARISH PILGRIMAGE** will be departing for Medjugorje on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June and will return on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to come or require information, contact Gerry Buck on 972-2033.

**GIFT AID.** Thanks to those who have returned their forms. Are there any more wishing to have more information about this scheme? There are leaflets on the table for you to take away.

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I hope you all have a good and peaceful week. Fr Chris