St. Michael's Bulletin

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Third Sunday in Lent March 11th, 2007

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Joan Fitzpatrick 1030 am Our Parish family

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Communion Service Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 9.00 am Mornng prayer & Communion Service Thursday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Friday 9.00 am Stations of the Cross & Communion Service Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil. Holy Souls

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, Jacquie Bussell, Claudina Rodrigues, Eric Brent and Eugenie Micotti. We pray too for Deacons Pat Linthwaite and John Leach

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Joan Fitzpatrick, 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: Roman Szulc, Lilian Peach, Lucy Shurwell, Dorothy Flannery (Nevin), Henry Kerr and Donna Armstrong whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they rest in Your Love and Peace.

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DEVOTIONS & LENTEN SERVICES THIS WEEK.

This evening at 6.00 pm there will be a service of Exposition, Stations of the Cross and Benediction.
On Tuesday evening a Bible Study in the parish house at 7.30 pm to study next Sunday's readings
On Friday we shall have Stations of the Cross, replacing our usual Morning Prayer.

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GOSPEL OF SAINT MARK. On Sunday March 25th, we shall have a complete reading of St Mark's Gospel as our Evening Devotion. Would volunteer readers make themselves known so that we can give you the "script" in advance for you to rehearse. To read or hear the whole Gospel in one sitting is very powerful. Three volunteers from Christ the King will be sharing the experience with us.

PARISH PROJECT. We are trying to raise £750 for a girls school in Zambia. I mentioned that the girls have to pay for their schooling: it is 40 Euros per term, which is about £30. Would anyone consider making such a one-off donation ? Any contributions you would like to make may be placed in the swing-bin at the back of church. I hope we are all collecting our small change each time we have a meal. But it does not have to be just small change, all coins of the realm are acceptable. We have put out some plastic money bags on the table so that when you have collected a pound of them you can place this bag into the bin and we can then take it to the Bank. Last week we banked £45 from the swing-bin.

At the Third World Meeting last week we spoke of the need to heighten our awareness of the moral environment: while we encourage everyone to think about cutting down on everything we consume, whether food, drink, electricity, water or waste, we want to be positive and if we have managed to save a little by cutting down, we can make a donation of that saving to the swing-bin. But we also need to improve our own personal and family environment, trying to strengthen family life and our ties with each other. Can we cut down on our use of "soap"(or "soaps") How much vacuous television do we watch? Would not the quality of our family life benefit if TV was switched off on the odd occasion and we talked to each other or played family games? Maybe even have a Television-free day each week. Give it a Lenten trial!

FAMILY FAST DAY. You gave £319.50 for the Fast Day. Thank you very much. This goes to CAFOD, who are always in the thick of those areas in the world which are most in need of help. By contributing to CAFOD we know that our donations will be well spent on the most needy in our world.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE. Thanks to those who said they would be interested to help. Anyone else interested? St Anne's have challenged us to a cricket match in the summer: BBQ, games and fun for the family. July 1st.

EASTER VIGIL. Last week Fr Gervase said that after the important Easter Vigil there would be a big party. That was news to me, but since he has put the notion into our minds then we shall honour his promise. So after the Easter Vigil you are all invited into the house for some suitable refreshments. Horlicks or Ovaltine?

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I hope you all have a good week. Fr Chris