St. Michael's Bulletin

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. August 12th, 2007

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Private Intention 1030 am For our Parish family

Monday 9.00 Eucharistic Service . Tuesday 9.00 am Morning Mass

Wednesday. The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

9.00 am Morning Mass Evening Mass at 7.00 pm

Thursday 9.00 am Morning Mass. Friday 9.00 am Morning Mass

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 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, Jacquie Bussell, Eugenie Micotti, John Leach, Maggie Munter, Patrick O'Sullivan, Claudina Rodrigues and Chris Mubanga

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Sean Kennedy and 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 John Joseph Walsh, Jack Faherty, Lily Dougan, Kathleen Maguire, Arthur Burge, and Eva Abraham whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they rest in Your Love and Peace.

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RE-LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH.

This was scheduled to begin last week, but due to circumstances beyond our control the work was not able to begin. However I am assured that the lighting men will be here on Tuesday to begin, and they say that they may well be finished by Wednesday evening. But don't hold your breath!

Please note that we shall remain in the house for our morning service on Monday and Tuesday, as we did last week. But since Wednesday is the Feast of the Assumption I propose that our Mass will be celebrated in the Hall. Stay flexible!

COLOUR SCHEME.

I hope that this will be decided this week when the decorators and lighting men get their heads and ideas together. But many of you have said that as long as the church looks bright, clean and welcoming you are not all that fussed as to what the colour scheme will be. I agree with that sentiment, and look forward to seeing the church looking fresh.

CRUCIFIX

The Crucifix which was above the altar is now lying in front of the altar. After a good clean it looks as if the Lord's body has a bronzed sheen to it which was lost under the cover of accumulated dust. At close quarters it reveals itself as a very noble and dignified figure: please come and have a closer look.

Several options are now open to us. 1. We can just replace the crucifix as it as it was above the altar: 2.We could remove the figure from the cross and then suspend that above the altar, with the background of the white cross on the wall:

3. We could place a brand new figure over the altar.Options for a new Christ-figure can be seen in catalogues on the table.

NOTICE BOARDS & BOOK-CASE

New notice-boards have been installed at the back of church. These have their own specific notices on them. The board on the left will carry all the rotas for various parish ministries and activities such as Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Flower Ladies and Cleaners, the one next to it has reports and minutes from the Parish Council meetings. The other two will be for notices of parish activities and for notices be of wider interest to members of our parish community.

The hymn books now have shelving in their alcove, and some of the books which were in the book-case have been removed to this new shelving. Plese help yourself to any of these books if you wish to read them.

The Prayer Board is now in front of the statue of St Anthony, moved to its original position. Paper, pens and pins can be found by this board for you to pin up your prayer requests. We might well call this "Saint Anthony's Prayer Board".

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I hope we continue to enjoy sunny days. Fr Chris