



St. Michael's Bulletin



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 17th 2006

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am For our parish family 1030 am Wojciech Motyka

Monday 7.00 pm Reconciliation Mass Tuesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Wednesday 9.00 am George & Jane Raynard Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Friday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service Saturday 5.30 pm 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, Eileen Levy, 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 Andrew Appleton and 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. And for Wojciech Motyka, Bill Condon, George Raynard, Paul Fay, Bridget Mullaniff, Benjamin Zabrano and Phyllis Baring-Gould whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they rest in Your Peace.

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OUR ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

This will take place tomorrow at 7.00 pm. All are welcome to our Annual Amnesty! We should take the opportunity to confess our wrong-doing so that we feel we are at rights with God, with each other and with our own inner selves before we celebrate this great feast.

The practice of Confession is undergoing a great change at the moment because we are all unsatisfied with what we experienced as we were growing up. There is still plenty of opportunity for individual Confession, here at St Michael's on Saturday, and also today at Sacred Heart from 3.00 pm. Many of us prefer the communal experience of repentance and shared forgiveness in our parish Reconciliation Mass.

I have asked Fr Anthony Wilcox from Sacred Heart in Henley to assist me in administering absolution.

ADVENT PROJECT FOR THE HUNGRY & HOMELESS.

Thanks to all who have placed food-stuffs in the box, which will remain there until next week.

This food is passed on to really needy families in our area and to the homeless in Reading.

CHRISTMAS CARD

The big card is proving to be a popular success. Thanks to all of you who have signed the card, which is still at the back of church for those who may have missed signing it. This card which we are sending to each other is now at the back of church: all you have to do is to sign your name. If everyone signs their name then we shall all have sent this card to each other. In doing this we are saving money and effort. The money is passed on via the Congregational Church to help alleviate some of the burden of being homeless at Christmas, which must be the worst feeling in the world. We hope that our efforts may go some way to help.

MASS TIMES AT CHRISTMAS

By now you should all have received the card with our timings on for Christmas. But if you have not, or if you have lost it then this may help remind you:-

Saturday 23rd December 5.30 pm.

Fourth Sunday of Advent 9.00 am & 1030 am.

Sunday is also Christmas Eve and there is Mass at 6.00 pm, which will be tailored for the children.

There will also be Mass at 9.00pm, which would be like the old-fashioned "Midnight" Mass.

On Christmas Day, Mass is at 1030 am

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May we walk in the light of the Lord through Advent: Fr Chris