



St. Michael's Bulletin



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Seventh Sunday of the Year February 18th, 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

ASH WEDNESDAY

9.00 am Ashes Service at school 7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass (Kevin Watters) 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, Jacquie 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 Peter Davies, Eileen Arkell, Bridie Bonner, Jimmy Thompson, Mary-Ann Kennedy, Kevin Watters, Mary Motyka, Una Cottrell and Nancy Evach, whose anniversaries fall at this time. **May they rest in Your Love and Peace.**

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LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY.

There will be a Service of the Blessing and distribution of Ashes at school on Wednesday at 9.00 am. In the evening there will be Mass here at church with the blessing and distribution of ashes. This is an important day, which marks a transition in the mood of our church life. We now go into a mode of repentance and preparation: purple is the dominant colour throughout Lent; a sober and sombre time. It is traditional in Lent that we look at our lives to see what we need to do to ensure we are living balanced and faithful lives. We shall all have to make various adjustments to the way we are living. We can become very complacent about our life-style, and rather self-satisfied. Lent is a time for an honest appraisal, coupled with a determination and will to re-set our sights on a better quality of life, in tune with the demands of the Gospel and a better sense of responsibility to our fellow humans and the world we all inhabit.

There will be a Parish Lent Programme of Devotions each Sunday at 6.00 pm; please see notice on the board
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST. In the parish house on Saturday morning from 8.00 – 9.00am
PARISH PROJECT. We shall try to raise £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. 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. It will be good for us to think about how much waste we accumulate each week and see if we can reduce it.

In the light of the recent report from the United Nations we all have good cause to think deeply about the way our children are being raised, about the discipline we impose, the boundaries we set them and our ability to say "No" from time to time to their demands. Who is in charge?

Father Gervase from Douai will not now be able to come to us on the 1st Sunday of lent, but will be here on the following week-end.

A PARISH PILGRIMAGE to Medjugorje, 7th June to 14th June. Contact Gerry Buck on 972-2033.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. This will take place on Friday march 2nd at Christ the King church.

There will be more information shortly: this is to give you notice of it so that you can put it in your diary.

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I hope you all have a good week. Fr Chris