St. Michael's Bulletin

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Fourth Sunday in Lent March 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
Wednesday	9.00 am	Morning prayer & Mass	Thursday	9.00 am	Morning prayer & Mass
Friday	9.00 am	Stations of the Cross & Mass	**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, Eric Brent and Eugenie Micotti. And for Deacons Pat Linthwaite and John Leach **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: and for Henry Kerr, Donna Armstrong, Mary Fallon, Mary Ann Kerr, Iva Andrews and Audrey Gallagher whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they rest in Your Love and Peace.

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T<u>his evening at 6.00 pm</u> there will be a service of Exposition, Stations of the Cross and Benediction.
<u>On Tuesday evening</u> a Bible Study in the parish house at 7.30 pm to study next Sunday's readings

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TODAY IS MOTHERS'' DAY. We wish all our Mothers - and grand-mothers - a very happy day. May you all be pampered and fussed over as only you deserve. Because you're worth it!
I offer again a quote from an Indian writer which many of you appreciated last year:-

"The moment a child is born, the mother is also born. She never existed before.
The woman existed, but the mother, never. A mother is something absolutely new."

An English writer, Thackeray said " **Mother is the name for God on the lips and hearts of little children."**
And there is an ancient Jewish proverb; **"God could not be everywhere, so he invented Mothers."**
This day is to honour all Mothers, and for us to show our love and appreciation for all they do/did for us.
GOSPEL OF SAINT MARK. Next Sunday we shall have a complete reading of St Mark's Gospel as our Evening Devotion. Volunteer readers should make themselves known so that we can give you the "script" for you to rehearse. To read or hear the whole Gospel in one sitting is very powerful.
We also appeal for readers for the Sacred Triduum, the three days leading to Easter Day, and especially for the Vigil on Easter Eve. If you are able to read, please let Brian Theobald or me know as soon as possible, please.
PARISH PROJECT. We are slowly reaching our target of £750.Any contributions you would like to make may be placed in t<u>he swing-bin at the back of church</u>. 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 swing-bin.
FAMILY FAST DAY. You gave a further £73, making our total £392.50. Thank you very much.
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. But how do we pick a cricket team? Maybe 3 men, 3 ladies, 3 boys and 3 girls? One to be 12th"man".
LENT LUNCH. At Stoke Row Village hall on Thursday from 1230 onwards; proceeds to the Air Ambulance.
NEW ENVELOPES. These are now available at the back of church. We are beginning a new set of boxes so that we fall in line with the National Tax Year. Please ensure you take the correctly numbered box, which coincides with the numbered box you are already using.
I presume everyone now has a numbered box and is signed-up for Gift Aid………if not, why not?
"FORGIVENESS." This is the next theme in the process of preparation for first Holy Communion.
Our 1030 Mass next week will be a Celebration of God's loving mercy and forgiveness, lead by the children
The children will also be making their first Confession this week; can you remember your first time ?

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I hope you all have a good week. Fr Chris