



# St. Michael's Bulletin



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## THIRTYTHIRD SUNDAY November 18th, 2007

**Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls**

**9.00 am For our parish family**

**1030 am Aldworth & Connelly families**

Monday 9.00 Morning prayer & Mass

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

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Confessions each Saturday at 1130 am – 1200 noon: and after Vigil Mass.

### FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Loving Father, send Your healing Spirit on all who are distressed. We pray for those separated from their families and for those who have lost children and cannot find them. We pray for Frank Sweeney, Catherine Viner, Jacque Bussell, Eugenie Micotti, Claudina Rodrigues, Alison and Betty Gosling, Jack Daly and Philomena Smith.

**Bring them Your healing and peace.**

### FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Fr William Boyle 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 Maureen Norris, Nicky Harris, Henry New, Frank Lawless, W.G. Williams, Theresa Hamilton, James Martin, Doug Farquhar and Elizabeth Murphy, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

**May they find rest in Your Love and Peace.**

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### PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

The scheme we now use to help the children prepare for First Communion breaks our Mass down into its component parts and at each preparation Mass we concentrate on one of those elements. This scheme was devised to help both children and adults to come to a better understanding of how our Mass came to be as it is now.

We have grown used to the flow of all that happens at Mass and cannot sometimes differentiate one part from another, but there are many component parts which we do not always appreciate.

Today we try to come to a better understanding of the importance of LISTENING.

Primarily we think of our need to LISTEN to what God says to us in His Word. But we also have to accept that God frequently speaks to us through each other, so we also need to be attentive to our parents, teachers, family and friends and all who love us, because it is through our daily contact with each other that we come to a better understanding of what it entails in being a better, more loving and kindly human being.

**CHRISTINGLE** was established by the Moravian Church in 1747 as a symbol of Christ's light and love. It was adopted by the Children's Society in 1968 as a means of fundraising for their work with disadvantaged children. It has been suggested by some of the children in the parish that we make a contribution towards this cause.

On Friday on our Televisions there was a spectacular "**Children In Need**" fundraising concert. Maybe we can see our Christingle contributions after Mass today as adding to this annual "Children In Need" national fundraiser.

The proceeds will be handed over at the Stoke Row Christingle Service in December. Thank you

**CLEANING OUR CHURCH.** Thanks to all who have so far volunteered. A new rota will be made up shortly.

Those who at present clean the church on their own may be invited to join up with others to make work easier and gentler all round. Does anyone else wish to sign up as a volunteer, either in a mixed or men-only team?

**CATENIANS.** This is an organisation which seeks to bring Catholic Men together for mutual support and social activities. It offers support for those who sometimes feel isolated at work. Some will feel that trying to live by their Christian principles is not easy, when the prevailing culture seems to encourage fiddling of expenses, and taking things home which belong properly to an organisation or company. Institutionalised theft can sometimes be very difficult to avoid when everyone around seems to be helping themselves.

A member of this Organisation will be coming to us on the week-end of November 24/5<sup>th</sup> when he will speak for a few minutes at the end of Mass to seek new members.

**THIRD WORLD GROUP** Meeting in the parish house on Wednesday at 7.30 pm.

**NEW STATUE.** Please have a close look at the statue of The Risen Christ, on the floor by the font, and think of where we should mount it. Over the door at the back of church; or as an alternative to the crucifix above the altar?

**DROP-IN CENTRE** needs clothes for men. Gentlemen, lets have a good sort-out of our wardrobes before Xmas.

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**May we all have a safe and peaceful week. Fr Chris**