



St. Michael's Bulletin



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Third Sunday of the Year January 21stth, 2007

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Kenneth Blake

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 Morning prayer & Mass

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 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 Kathleen & Kevin Smith, Bernard C. Oattes, Winifred Halter, Winifred Dougan, Frederick Wareham, William Tillotson and Alan Graves whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they rest in Your Peace.

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. This began last Thursday and continues until Thursday of this week. It is a week set aside by all the Christian churches to come together, pray and work for a greater understanding of both what unites and what divides us. By increasing our understanding of these matters we can come to a better sense of how we can work together for a closer unity between the churches in all we do. The division of Christianity into so many different denominations is a real scandal, but one which we have become so accustomed to that we rarely give it another thought. But to outsiders it must seem very strange and odd that we have been at odds with each other since the 16th Century and still persist in many outdated views of other communities. In more recent times all the Christian Churches have been putting a special effort into trying to understand one another better and set aside the rancour and bitterness of past years. When we look back to our childhood days we can see what great strides have been made.

UNITED SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. At St John's Church in Kidmore End tonight at 6.30 pm. It is important for us to share together in these Services with members of the other Churches in our area to give united witness of God's love for us all and to seek His guidance for our future co-operation.

GIFT AID. Thanks are due to those who signed up last week-end, but there may be many others who are still undecided. Please take away the explanatory sheet to read at your leisure, and if there are any questions you wish to ask you can always contact Ed Pearce for the information you seek.

THIRD WORLD GROUP. This group will be meeting at 8.00 pm on Monday, February 5th in the house. We shall be reviewing what we have done so far, and making suggestions and plans as to what we should be doing during Lent, which begins on Wednesday 21st February. If we have a parish Project during Lent we would hope to take advice and suggestions from CAFOD's campaign, which is summed up in their slogan "Live simply, challenge poverty". CAFOD is also challenging us to think of "The power of 1%", which asks us to consider if we can live on 99% of our income, and donate the other 1% to help eradicate poverty.

We are all now being asked and challenged to live more simply and to be more aware of the impact our daily lives have on our rapidly changing environment.

If we are to have a parish Project during Lent, what should it be? All suggestions are very welcome and will be discussed when we meet. If you would like to come along to the meeting you will be most welcome.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED. A group meets on Thursday at Christ the King to study the Gospel of Saint Mark. The meeting begins with soup and a roll at 7.45, followed by a video and then a shared discussion.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP. We shall meet on Thursday 15th February at 1030 am in the house.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION. Our next Celebration Mass will be on February 4th at 1030 am.

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I hope you all have a good and peaceful week. Fr Chris