St. Michael's Bulletin

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 24th 2006

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am For our parish family 1030 am Aldworth & Connolly families

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CHRISTMAS EVE

6.00 pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass

9.00 pm Carols and Christmas Eve Mass

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CHRISTMAS DAY, Monday 25th December

1030 am. Parish Family Mass for Christmas

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Tuesday 1000 am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
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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, Jacquie Bussell, Claudina Rodrigues, Eric Brent and Jack Daly

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for James Carr, Marion McAuley 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 Phyllis Baring-Gould, Ivy Roberts, Gino Dell'Aqua, Maud Cooper, Kathleen , Charles and Nicky Harris, Frederick Everett, Ilona Bakacs, John Forbes, Jack Oswald, Louise Coulehan, Mary Williams and all those killed in the 2004 tsunami, whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they rest in Your Peace.

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Francis and I wish you all every happiness and blessing for Christmas.
We hope that you and all your family will have a very happy and joy-filled Christmas

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This is a most wonderful time of the year: we should honour it by being open and generous to each other. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus we look back to a moment in human history just over 2000 years ago which challenged all of humanity to view itself in a radically new way.

With the birth of Jesus we become aware that God has loved us from all eternity, and now in the Person of Jesus we wish to express our love for God. Love transforms us; it helps us see the world in a totally different way. We are now challenged to look at life and the world through the eyes of a little child: to look with hope in our hearts at all the possibilities which life offers us and to see everything through the eyes of love.

ADVENT PROJECT FOR THE HUNGRY & HOMELESS.

A big "Thank you" to all who have placed food-stuffs in the box, and to all of you who contributed to the large communal Christmas card. The money you placed in the swing-bin came to just over £120, which I took to the Christian Community Action shop in the village. They use it in their outreach areas in Reading to offer help and support to poor families and to the homeless who come to them looking for help.

The food is given to really needy families and individuals in our own area and to the homeless in Reading.

Thank you all very much for your kindness and generosity during the time of Advent.

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Let us enjoy to the full this wonderful season of Our Saviour's birth. May God bless us always