



St. Michael's Bulletin



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First Sunday in Lent February 25th, 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

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Friday 9.00 am Stations of the Cross & Mass

Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Mass 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, 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: Una Cottrell, Nancy Evach, Wyn Hymna, Violet Taylor, George Jones, Pauline Joyce, Margaret Symons, Eleanor fanning, Thomas Hoban and Lambertus van Bree, whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they rest in Your Love and Peace.

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DEVOTIONS & LENTEN SERVICES THIS WEEK.

This evening at 6.00 pm there will be a Reconciliation Service. We shall begin with the first part of Benediction by placing the Blessed Sacrament on the altar and then singing a traditional Benediction hymn. An opening prayer will be followed by Scripture readings and prayers, after which I shall invite you to come to the altar. I shall then for a few seconds place my hands on each of your heads, when all you need to say is "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner". I shall then pronounce a simple form of absolution.

We shall then have a time of silence for personal prayers of thanksgiving. After a suitable pause we shall continue with Benediction, ending with the traditional Blessing with the Monstrance and our final hymn.

On Tuesday evening there will be a Bible Study in the parish house. We shall be looking at the readings we shall hear on the following Sunday. We shall begin with tea/coffee and end just before 9.00pm.

On Friday we shall have Stations of the Cross before Mass, replacing our usual Morning prayer.

On Saturday morning at 8.00 am the men of the parish are invited to a Prayer Breakfast in the parish house.

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Please note that there will be a Mass of Reconciliation on the Monday of Holy Week

Lent is an important time. It marks a transition in the mood of our inner life. We now go into a mode of repentance and preparation: the message of Lent cuts through the hustle and bustle of our daily rush and reminds us to let go of some of the less important things as we seek out what really matters to us.

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

PARISH PROJECT. Last year we raised £824.26 for the Children's Nutritional Centre in Honduras.

This year 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.

Please use empty jars from your kitchen to fill with loose change. Each family member is asked to put 1p in the jar every time you have a meal. We also want to heighten our awareness of the need to do something positive for the environment: 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.

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

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER A Prayer service on Friday at 2.00pm at Christ the King church.

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I hope you all have a good week. Fr Chris