St. Michael's Bulletin

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Fifth Sunday in Lent March 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	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, Alan Tillotson, Mary Burke, Jacquie Bussell, Eric Brent, Eugenie Micotti, Joan Selwood, 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 Audrey Gallagher, Mary Gardner, Cedric Baring-Gould, Joseph Anthony Melling, Kevin Cotter and Eileen Foley, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they rest in Your Love and Peace.

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<u>On Tuesday evening</u> there will a Bible Study in the parish house at 7.30 pm to study next Sunday's readings

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TODAY, at our 1030 Mass the children will lead us in an exploration of what "Forgiveness" means.
They are preparing for their first Holy Communion, and last Friday made their first Confession. Today they lead us in our Celebration of God's mercy and forgiveness. We celebrate the forgiveness of our sins and pray that we too will now become more forgiving of each others faults and failings: like Jesus in our Gospel.
GOSPEL OF SAINT MARK. This evening at 6.00 pm we shall have a complete reading of St Mark's Gospel as our Evening Devotion. To read or hear the whole Gospel in one sitting is very powerful.
We shall use the translation in the Jerusalem Bible. If you have one you might like to bring it with you.
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.
<u>Are there any willing volunteers for the Washing of Feet on Maundy Thursday ?</u>
EASTER FLOWERS FOR OUR ALTAR. . The Flower ladies will be asking for contributions after Mass today.
PARISH PROJECT. We are slowly reaching our target of £750. So far we have raised £266.45: thank you
FAMILY FAST DAY. You gave a further £30, making our total £422.50. Thank you very much.
SOCIAL COMMITTEE. I mentioned last week that St Anne's have challenged us to a cricket match in the summer. It is suggested that we meet for BBQ, games and fun for the family. The proposed date is July 1st.
St Anne's would like to set up such shared events in order to bring us together and help foster and deepen the links between us: after all, they are our Mother parish. More information later as it becomes available.
NEW ENVELOPES. These are now available at the back of church. They will take effect from Easter week-end – just have a quick look at the date of the first envelope. Once you have your new box you can dispose of the old one, and we shall provide a bin for helping you to do so. 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?

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ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION. Last Sunday was the 40th anniversary of my ordination in 1967.
In discussion with the Parish Council it was thought that some kind of celebration would be in order – but it did not seem right or proper to do so in the middle of Lent. We think that some kind of "At Home" at some later date would be appropriate so that we can gather, eat, drink and chat together when the weather is brighter and warmer. Maybe a Sunday afternoon, say May 6th, combining lunch and tea? I suggest this date because those of us who were ordained together are going to HQ (Rome) for a few days on Monday 7th.

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I hope you all have a good week. Fr Chris