



St. Michael's Bulletin



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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, January 27th, 2008

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Bill Hoban
9.00 am Eileen Brennan and family **1030 am For our Parish family**
Monday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass **Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer & Mass**
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass **Thursday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass**
Friday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service **Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls**
Confessions. Each Saturday, 1130 am – 1200 noon: and after Vigil Mass.

FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Loving Father, send Your healing Spirit on all who are distressed: for those separated from their families and for those who have lost children and cannot find them. We pray particularly for Frank Sweeney, Catherine Viner, Jackie Bussell, Eugenie Micotti, Alison and Betty Gosling, Jack Daly, Philomena Smith, Ron Stephenson, Isobel Gillet, Marguerite Brosnan and little Joseph Bradley.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Bill Hoban 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 Frederick Smythe, Kieran Cotter, John Cano, Carlos Ramirez, Noel Pearce, Jimmy Thompson, Lilian Tresham, and Denis & Nora Fogarty, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they find rest in Your Love and Peace.

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THIRD WORLD GROUP

We will meet in the parish House on Monday at 7.00 pm. We need to consider where our focus for our alms-giving should be for Lent, which begins in 10 days time. The three pillars on which Lent rests are Prayer, Fasting and Alms-giving. So far the 3rd World group has tried to find a suitable focus for our alms-giving, not just during Lent, but in Advent, too. But it has been suggested to me that we need to be more comprehensive in our approach, and that we ought to do more than just have a swing-bin at the back of church for our donations.

We need to be more creative in ways of raising money for whatever project we choose, and more of us should become involved in a variety of activities. But this will need new personnel to come up with more ideas. At present the group is very small, and we feel that we have achieved some fine results from the challenges we set before you. But we are hampered by being such a small group. We know we also need to challenge ourselves as a parish to become more aware of the problems and difficulties which threaten the safety and well-being of the planet and its inhabitants. But to do this successfully we need more minds with ideas to share.

So we invite everyone who would like to become involved to come to a meeting in the parish House on Monday at 7.00 pm. If you cannot come but have ideas or suggestions for the group please let me know as soon as possible.

VISITATION BY BISHOP WILLIAM KENNEY.

This will begin in church with a Prayer Service and Address by Bishop William on Friday 8th at 7.00 pm. Then we shall then go up to the hall for refreshments and have a time to meet and greet the Bishop in a less formal manner. We look forward to Bishop William listening to us and our concerns for the future of our parish. We hope he will be able to offer us a vision as to how things might be in the future for our children & their families in our parish

BACH TO BROADWAY

There will be a Concert in St Anne's church in Caversham on Saturday 16th at 7.30pm. See notice on the board.

PART-TIME TEACHER OF SCIENCE

Post required for February at Blessed Hugh Farringdon Catholic School. Please see notice on the board

ALPHA EVENING.

Many of you have experienced the "Alpha" course, a very basic introduction to Christianity for those who seek to find meaning and purpose in their lives. There will be an Open Meeting at Greyfriars Church in Reading on Tuesday 12th at 7.45. This meeting is open to everyone, and maybe some of you would like to come along to see what we can learn about the way we should be developing our knowledge of the Good News, and how to pass it on.

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May we all have a peace-filled week. Fr Chris