St. Michael's Bulletin

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THE FEAST OF PENTECOST May 27th, 2007

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Lucy Shurvell

9.00 am Our Parish Family 1030 am Gardner & Fox family

Monday 9. 00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic service

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Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Mass

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FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Loving Father, send Your healing Spirit on all who are sick; Frank Sweeney, Catherine Viner, Alan Tillotson, Jacquie Bussell, Eric Brent, Eugenie Micotti, Joan Selway, Trevor Day, John Leach and Patrick O'Sullivan

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for all who died recently, and 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: and for Margaret Dodd, Eugene Lavalette, Lucy Shurvell and Sharon Ruddle whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they rest in Your Love and Peace.

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TODAY IS THE FEAST OF PENTECOST.

Pentecost is the Greek word for 50. It is now 50 days since Easter. Today we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit, who transformed the frightened Apostles. They had locked themselves away but now become fearless messengers who boldly proclaim the good News of God's love for everyone.

In the Jewish calendar this was the feast to celebrate the first-fruits of the harvest. Jews from the entire world would come to Jerusalem to worship and give thanks at the Temple.

For us as Christians it is the triumphant conclusion of the cycle of the seasons of the year which began last Advent and will be resumed again in Advent this year.

We gather together today and pray that the Holy Spirit will fill us with His fiery love so that our lives will be touched and improved so that we too can proclaim our deep faith and devotion to the Lord.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

We were blessed with a warm and sunny day last week as our children made their first Holy Communion. It was a wonderful day for everyone. Our prayer and hope is that the children and their families will see that moment as a new beginning and an opportunity to deepen and strengthen their faith and devotion.

LENTEN PROJECT.

During Lent you will recall that we set ourselves to raise money to help fund a girls' school in Zambia.

The Head teacher from that school, Sister Kiran, will be coming to visit us at our 1030 Mass next Sunday.

If there is still any money to be handed in can it be done as soon as possible, please.

I shall make the presentation of the cheque to Sister Kiran at that Mass.

The Third World Group in the parish chose to help fund this girls' school because we felt that in such a troubled Continent it was important to ensure a good education for girls so that they and their families could help to bring stability and prosperity to an area racked with corruption and violence.

Our contribution might seem puny, but it is a small step in the right direction.

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SAINT BIRINUS PILGRIMAGE takes place on Sunday July 1st. It begins with a picnic lunch at Churn Knob and sets off at 1.00 pm to walk to Dorchester via Brightwell, Blewbury and South Moreton.

SOCIAL LIFE.

St Anne's have invited us to share in their Social Activities. There is now a notice on the board at the back of church which is advertising and promoting the Cricket match on July 1st, with a combined BBQ. They have also invited us to a Skittles evening at the Gardeners Arms, Surley Row on Saturday, 17th November. Numbers are limited; tickets will be on sale at a later date, £10 each.

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I wish you all every best wish for the week ahead , Fr Chris