



St. Michael's Bulletin



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Fourth Sunday of the Year January 28th, 2007

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Holy Souls

9.00 am Eileen Levy 1030 am Our Parish family

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

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Thursday 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, Alan Tillotson, Mary Burke, Jacquie Bussell, Claudina Rodrigues and Eric Brent.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Eileen Levy 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 Kieran Cotter, John Cano, Carlos Ramirez, Denis & Nora Fogarty, Jimmy Thompson, and Lillian Tresham, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they rest in Your Love and Peace.

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UNITED SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. Thanks to all who came along to St John's last Sunday evening: it was very good to see so many of us gathered there with our friends from the other denominations. Our friendship is growing and with regular contact with each other it will grow deeper. Twenty people from the Thursday discussion group went to Douai Abbey last Saturday for a day of prayer and reflection and members from the other denominations have told me how impressed they were by everything about the Abbey: the warm welcome and hospitality, the kindness of the monks, the beauty of the Abbey church, the silence and sense of prayer, and last, but not least, the quality of the food. Such encounters do nothing but good to bind us together and break down barriers of distrust and bigotry between us.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED. A group meets on Thursday at Christ the King to study the Gospel of Saint Mark. The meeting begins with soup and a roll at 7.45, followed by a video and then a shared discussion.

GIFT AID. Do you pay Tax? If so, do you have a box of envelopes for the Offertory collection ?

This is the first step for us to take so that we can reclaim from the Treasury the tax you pay on that offering. There is an explanatory leaflet at the back for you to take away. Ed Pearce will answer your queries.

THIRD WORLD GROUP. We will be meeting at 8.00 pm on Monday, February 5th in the house to discuss what we should be doing during Lent, which begins on Wednesday 21st February. CAFOD has a slogan which says "Live simply, challenge poverty". CAFOD is also challenging us to think of "The power of 1%". This asks us to consider if we can live on 99% of our income, and donate the other 1% to help eradicate poverty.

We are being challenged to live more simply and to be more aware of the impact our daily lives have on our rapidly changing environment.

If we are to have a parish Project during Lent, what should it be? All suggestions are very welcome and will be discussed when we meet. If you would like to come along to the meeting you will be most welcome.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP. We shall meet on Thursday 15th February at 1030 am in the house.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION. Our next Celebration Mass will be next Sunday at 1030 am.

The theme for this part of the preparation programme is "Caring". It is through our prayers, especially the Bidding Prayers, when we bid God to listen to our worries, and anxieties and concerns that we show our love and concern for each other. We pray that we may try to make our world a better, more caring and kindly place for us all to love together in harmony: and we ask God to strengthen us with His grace to help us.

EILEEN LEVY. This lovely old (96) lady died peacefully last week. Her funeral is being organised by her daughter who lives in America but who has just arrived here. It will be on Tuesday February 6th at 1100am at the small chapel at Henley Road Crematorium, after the service Eileen's body will be buried, not cremated

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I hope you all have a good and peaceful week. Fr Chris