St. Michael's Bulletin

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EASTER SUNDAY , March 23rd, 2008
Easter Vigil 7.00 pm

9. 00 am For our Parish family — 1030 am Holy Souls

Monday 9.00 pa Eucharistic Service — Tuesday 9.00am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service — Thursday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Friday 9.00am Eucharistic service — **Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Christine Ryman**

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FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Loving Father, send Your healing Spirit on all who are distressed: those separated from their families and for those who have lost family and cannot find them. We pray for Frank Sweeney, Jacquie Bussell, Eugenie Micotti, Alison & Betty Gosling, Jack Daly, Philomena Smith , Ron Stephenson, Marguerite Brosnan, Patrick Cafferkey and Joseph Bradley.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for 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 in prayer Audrey Gallagher, Christine Ann Ryman, Mary Gardner and Liam Treacey, whose anniversaries fall at this time of the year.

May they find rest in Your Love and Peace.

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DEACON FRANCIS AND I WISH YOU ALL EVERY HAPPINESS AND BLESSING FOR EASTER.
This is a marvellous time of the year when there seems to be a real change in the atmosphere.
The sun struggles through and we see that life is returning to the earth through Mother Nature.
We wish you every happiness for yourselves, your families and all your friends.

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REFLECTIONS ON LENT

We also hope that LENT was a useful and productive time for you all. Lent can be a time of life-changing habits as we perhaps forgo and then finally give up on bad habits such as smoking, swearing, over-eating and bad driving. At the time of writing this the weather reports are pretty glum, but inspite of the cold and maybe even snow, we can appreciate the arrival of new life in Nature and hope that the New Life which Jesus' resurrection won for us will also develop and grow in our daily lives. We are called by God to be loving, kindly and generous people.

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I would like to thank you all for your participation in the various Services during Lent, and trust that you found them useful. Our Reconciliation Mass last Monday had 120 people present, and that clearly answers a need so many feel for a better way of making our Confession. Fr Anthony has now adopted a similar service at Sacred Heart in Henley and the numbers there were significantly higher than at previous Services of Reconciliation. He was very pleased, and so were the members of his congregation. They too clearly see a need for a development in the way we experience the Sacament of Reconciliation and the way we express our sorrow for our wrong-doing.

SERVICES DURING THIS WEEK.

Please note that the Services this week are all Eucharistic Services.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

I shall shortly be commencing a training programme for those who have agreed to become Eucharistic ministers. We shall meet initially after whatever Mass you attend at the week-end, and begin by listening to the experiences which the present Eucharistic Ministers have of their own time in this ministry.

LENT PROJECT.

This has so far raised £663.90. Thank you very much for your generosity. I am sure there is still more to come. We shall have to have a cut-off date, and that will be <u>next week-end for your final donations</u>. Thank you. The money raised will go to the Girls School in Zambia. I have mentioned before that there is a macho culture in parts of Africa which see that education for girls is a waste of time. We need to help break that down and allow a new generation of educated Africans to emerge who will take that Continent into a brighter and more peaceful future.

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THANK YOU. Our thanks are due to those who clean the church throughout the year, but particularly noticeable at the moment is the lovely work done by the Flower Ladies. Thank you all for your time and generosity.

CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA!