St. Michael's Bulletin

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, January 13th, 2008

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Daniel Gannon

9. 00 am Ian Manning 1030 am For our Parish family

Monday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass (Chee Hing) Tuesday 9.00am Morning prayer & Mass
Wednesday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass Thursday 9.00 am Eucharistic service
Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer Mass **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. We pray 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, Jacquie Bussell, Eugenie Micotti, Alison and Betty Gosling, Jack Daly, Philomena Smith , Ron Stephenson, Isobel Gillet, Marguerite Brosnan, Joseph Bradley and Bill Hoban.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Fr Philip Garrett and Chee Hing 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 also remember Thomas Stewart, Constantino Antao, Sheila Stone, Charles Harris, Sylvester Cottrell, Ian Manning, Keng Leow, Marie Prendergast, Eileen Levy, Joan Godfrey, Ivan Dover, Regina & Anthony Pereira, and Fr Cecil Keane whose anniversaries fall at this time. **May they find rest in Your Love and Peace**.

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FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION.

Today the children preparing for First Holy Communion will lead us into a deeper understanding of what it means to care for each other as members of God's family. It is in our Bidding Prayers that we ask God to watch over and care for all those whom we perceive to be in need of any kind of assistance. And we also ask in our prayers that God will touch our hearts and minds so that we can give practical and loving help whenever we see it to be needed. True prayer is seen in action and love to everyone around us. This is how we are asked to care for each other as brothers and sisters of Jesus in the family of God and the family of all humanity.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.

We are warmly invited to All Saints Church at Peppard for the Service of Christian Unity, at 7.30pm next Sunday.

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE GIFTS.

Thank you all very much for your very generous response to the gifts for the Christmas tree. Cards and letters of appreciation have been sent to us, and we had a particularly warm letter from the Women's Centre who have some very needy women come to them at Christmas. Your gifts made a great difference to them. Thank you.

WELCOMERS.

We need more "Welcomers" for each Mass. This is an invaluable service, making sure everyone is welcomed to our church. Our thanks are due to those of you who already help with this ministry, but are there any more who would like to help? Please let today's welcomers know if you are interested to join the team: thank you.
May I appeal to you all as we begin the New Year to make a special effort to be tidy at the end of Mass, taking bulletins and Mass sheets to the table at the back of church, or take them home, rather than leave them on your bench or on the floor. If we each tidy up after ourselves then church is ready for the next Mass. Thank you.

DO YOU PUT CASH INTO THE COLLECTION?

There is a small insert with this week's bulletin for those who put cash into the collection baskets.
The note is self-explanatory: it will not apply to everyone, but we would like those to whom it does apply to think about making a change to their Offertory arrangements. It will make it easier for YOU and simpler for US.
LIFE. Thank you very much for the £159.18 you gave last week-end to support this Pro-Life charity..

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May we all have a peaceful and enjoyable week. Fr Chris