St. Michael's Bulletin

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THIRTYFIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. November 4th, 2007

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm Sister M. Audrey

9.00 am For our parish family 1030 am Cotter & O'Shea family

Monday 9.00 Morning prayer & Mass Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday. 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass Thursday 9.00 am Morning Prsyer & Mass

Friday 9.00 am Morning Prayer & Mass. Saturday 5.30 pm Holy Souls.

Confessions each Saturday at 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 for Frank Sweeney, Catherine Viner, Jacquie Bussell, Eugenie Micotti, Claudina Rodrigues, Alison and Betty Gosling, Jack Daly and Philomena Smith.

Bring them Your healing and peace.

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville and Deacon Paul Grosvenor 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 Fr Frank Dawson, Henry Prendergast, Mary Hunt, Bill Walton and Alfreda Hubbard, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they find rest in Your Love and Peace.

NOVEMBER, for the Church and our Nation, is a time of Remembrance. We are encouraged to remember and pray for all those we have known and loved who have preceded us into death. Please write the names of all your deceased relatives and friends whom you would like to remember and pray for in the book which I have placed place on the LADY ALTAR. This is the ANNIVERSARY BOOK, which contains all those names you have already placed there, and which I refer to each week to write in the names which appear on our weekly bulletin. If you wish to add any names to this book please do so, and then those names will appear at the appropriate time of the year on our wekly Newsletter.

On Wednesday of next week we shall celebrate Mass at 1130 for all deceased parishioners. I invite all widows and widowers to come to this Mass. I suggest we also bring a dish to share and then come into the house for a shared lunch afterwards.

HELP IN CLEANING OUR CHURCH. We always expect the church to be clean and tidy each time we come, and maybe we take it for granted that it will be so. But to achieve this there are a few busy people giving generously of their time. There is a list at the back of church for names of volunteers who are willing and able to come and give an hour once every few months. The more volunteers we have the less often we shall have to clean. Maybe we should have a Men-Only team, to move benches and clean windows. I would be willing to join such a team: anyone else? Names on the list, please

THE MEETING WITH THE ARCHBISHOP & BISHOP on October 25th was well attended, especially by parishioners from St Michael's. The Deanery meeting gave an overview of the history of Catholicism in recent times in our area, and Archbishop Vincent saw this as a solid platform on which we can confidently build for the future.

Certain initiatives were outlined for future joint ventures with our neighbouring parishes. And the one which will probably be a highlight next year is a Mass of Blessing and Anointing of the Sick of our Deanery at Stonor Park.

Other suggestions for joint activity were the provision of training for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, as well as preparation and support for Marriage. These ideas will be discussed and fleshed out in the months ahead.

I shall keep you informed of all developments, and any new ideas and suggestions which might arise.

SKITTLES EVENING WITH ST ANNE'S. There is a list for your names if you would like to come along to this social evening. Sign your names BEFORE next Sunday, please. I had hoped that tickets would be issued in advance, but now I am asked simply to supply the St Anne's organisers with numbers.

CATENIANS. This is an organisation for Catholic Men. A speaker will be coming to us on the week-end of November 24/5th to seek recruits from among the men in ur parish. Maybe some of you know of this organisation and are part of it

NEXT WEEK. Is Remembrance Sunday. Mass will be at 1115, NOT 1030.

This allows us to be present at the Kidmore End War Memorial for the shared Remembrance Service.

You may wish to place a poppy at the foot of the altar in church in remembrance of a loved one.

May we all have a safe and happy week. Fr Chris