

HEMEL CATHOLIC PARISHES

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The Resurrection + St Mary & St Joseph +
Our Lady Queen of All Creation + St Mark

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4th/5th November 2017



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Wednesday 12 noon. Items to:
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Deacon Simon Writes.....

Last Sunday I watched Lewis Hamilton become the Motor Racing World Champion. At the end of the race the interviewer asked “*What emotions are you feeling?*” Lewis replied that he wanted to give thanks to his family, all his team mates and to God. He then ran to his Mum to give her a big hug and to his pit crew to shake all their hands. I also noticed that as he crossed the finish line he bowed his head and was silent for a few moments. He practised what he preached; (BTW he is a Hertfordshire Lad and was brought up in a Catholic family.)

Unfortunately, many Catholics have in the past not practised what they preach. Last Tuesday was the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation which split the Church apart. Earlier this year, in a joint Catholic – Lutheran statement the failings of the past were acknowledged “*Theological differences were accompanied by prejudice and conflicts, and religion was instrumentalised for political ends.*”

In last week’s joint statement both parties “*begged forgiveness for our failures and for the ways in which Christians have wounded the Body of the Lord and offended each other during the five hundred years since the beginning of the Reformation until today*” and both Churches now “*commit ourselves to continue our journey together, guided by God’s Spirit, towards the greater unity according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

Jesus throughout his life preached forgiveness and practised forgiveness “*forgive them Father for they know not what they do.*” What long term conflicts are there in our lives? Is it time for us to practise what we preach? Is it time to face up to our failings and to ask for and to give forgiveness? Do not wait 500 years – do it now!

We welcome **Fr Mark Minhane OSA** to our parishes, this weekend and next. Please be generous in your support for his Mission Appeal.

Cross Parish Notices

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10.30 – 11am (*Our Lady's*)
Saturday 11am – 11.30am (*Boxmoor*)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Saturday 10.30-11am (*Our Lady's*)
First Friday from 2.30 at Our Lady's
Exposition at Grovehill after 10am Mass on Wednesday

Going into Hospital? If you are going into Hospital do ask to see a Catholic Chaplain. At Hemel and Watford the Chaplain is Colette Lennon. 07801 930 246.

4th Boxmoor Scout Group is open to new members from all four parishes: Please call Pete West on 07949 936 994 or email peteandsue8@virginmedia.com.

Open Churches: Our Lady's and Ss Mary & Joseph churches are open most days from 8am until 5pm for quiet prayer and reflection. During the winter months Ss Mary and Joseph will be closed after 4pm.

Getting Married in Church?

Please be aware that you must give at least 6 months' notice if you want to get married in a Catholic Church. This is because there is often a lot of paperwork to get done and couples have to attend a pre-marriage course. Don't set a date until you have spoken with a priest.

Baptism Preparation

Parents who wish to have their children baptised are required to attend our baptism course which runs over 2 consecutive Saturdays. One parent must be a practising Catholic and be known to the priests. If you would like to have your child baptised in the coming months, the next sessions to attend are on Saturday 11th November 10.30am until 1pm at Our Lady's church hall, then Saturday 18th November 10.30am until 12 noon in St Joseph's Hall. To apply, speak to the clergy and fill in the application form which is available at the back of our churches.

Confirmation Course 2017/18: Applications for our Confirmation Course can be collected from the back of church over the next few weeks. Candidates need to be in Year 9 or above and **already be attending Mass** regularly. The deadline for applications is 6th December. Please hand them in to Fr Paul or Fr Kim at the end of Mass. Sessions will begin in January and will be held in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor.

Confirmation Catechists: Many thanks to those who have offered to help us this year. We do still need another 4 or 5 helpers from all our parishes, especially from among our older teenagers and young adults. There will be an initial meeting for potential helpers on **Tuesday 21st November 7pm** in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor. Please speak to one of the priests if you feel this is a ministry you would like to be involved in.

Annual Collection for the Sick & Retired Clergy: this important collection will take place on the weekend of the 11/12th November. Envelopes which can be used for Gift Aid are available at the back of the church. Please be generous in your support for our retired and frail clergy.

November Lists of the Dead: Please use the purple forms and envelopes to include your loved ones in the November book of the dead.

Service of Prayer & Blessing at Woodwells Cemetery: We will gather at Woodwells Cemetery on Sunday 12th November for a simple service of remembrance and prayer. **All welcome.**

The Annual Mass for those who died in the last year will be celebrated on Monday 20th November 7pm at Our Lady's. **All are welcome.**

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead Prayer intention for this week: Our local Ambulance and Paramedic Service.

The ODP Team would like to thank all those who supported our film and cream tea last Sunday and helped us raise **£172**.

Coffee Morning Keech Hospice Care: The last coffee morning raised £55. Many thanks to all the supporters.

Catholic Women's League Adeyfield: We will be serving a choice of three homemade soups and crusty bread for £2.50 on Tuesday 7th November from 12.30pm in Our Lady's church hall.

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead Open Forum: Wednesday 8th November 7.30pm at Sunrise Church, Queen's Square, Adeyfield. Guest speaker: Paul Mitson, the new Commander for the Borough of Dacorum. The meeting will be followed by a fish and chip supper; order and pay on the night. **All are welcome.**

St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Junior School is inviting prospective parents and pupils due to start Year 3 in September 2018 to an Open Evening at 6pm on Thursday 9th November. Letters have gone out to pupils at St Rose's but other interested families are welcome and are asked to ring the school office on 253 347 if they would like to come.

St Columba's College, an independent Catholic boys' school in St Albans, warmly invites prospective students and parents to their Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 9th November 2017, from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. For details, please call 01727 892 040 or email admissions@stcolumbascollege.org.

Ladies Clothes Sale Saturday 25th November, 11am -3pm in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor. Please support our fundraising by coming along and bringing your friends. For more details contact Teri on 07956 514 514. **We look forward to seeing you.**

Adeyfield Catholic Women's League are celebrating the 70th wedding anniversary of our Queen and Prince Phillip with a dinner (bring your own drinks and glasses) and entertainment by "Something Else" including a 1940's singalong on Saturday 11th November, 7pm for 7.30pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall. Dress red, white and blue with prize for best. Tickets, £15, are available after Masses or by contacting Mary on 263 703.

The Caritas Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 22nd 8pm in the Church Hall at Our Lady's. The agenda will include a discussion of the donations that we have made via the Dacorum Community Trust, the monthly Sunday Teas and the closure of the Plus Club. Tea/coffee will be provided. **All are welcome.**

DENS charity curry night will be held on Monday 20th November 7pm at Curry Garden, Berkhamsted. Price £13 for poppadums with pickles, mixed starters, rice/naan and a variety of curries followed by ice cream. Pay extra for your own drinks. Quizzes and raffles will be held too. Please email valsoares@aol.com or call 392 527 for more details and to book.

Catholic Women's League Adeyfield: We will be showing the film Our Lady of Fatima on Thursday 23rd November in Our Lady's parish hall. We will be starting with a cup of tea and cake at 2pm. Donations to Catholic Women's League charities.

Church of the Resurrection

Henry Wells Square, Grovehill, HP2 6BJ

Welcome to Highfield and Grovehill Parish Community. If you are new to the parish you are invited to complete a NEW TO THE PARISH form, which you will find at the back of the church.

For Parish Room or Church bookings contact Pedro on 07917 813 476 or entapryz@hotmail.com.

The Mass Intentions Book is in the sacristy. Please fill in the book with the date required for your intention.

We pray for the Departed: Dorris O'Leary & Doreen Westwood

We pray for the Sick: Danny, Colletta Ryan & Pat Finn

Are you interested in being added to the rota to write the bidding prayers for Grovehill? If you are please can you contact Naomi Jones.

Christmas Hamper 2018: We are collecting cakes, bottles, puddings, biscuits, tinned food and all things festive for the Christmas Hamper raffle. Please leave your donations with Bridie at the repository. The draw will take place on Sunday 10th December at Grovehill. Proceeds will go to the Grovehill Church.

Just Giving Sunday: Thank you all for your continued kindness with items for Just Giving Sunday. Items for November are: Squash and custard. For use within DENS services: dishwasher salt and deodorants. Your donations are a great help to the DENS clients.

Open Parish Meeting: This will take place on Wednesday 5th December at 7pm. Questions can be sent in advance to newsletters@hemelcatholic.org.

Ss Mary & Joseph

St Johns Road, Boxmoor, HP1 1NR

Welcome to St Mary & St Joseph's Parish Community. If you are new to the Parish you are invited to complete a 'New Parish Records Form', which you will find on the table at the back of the church.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS OR ENQUIRIES: If you are interested in using the Centre for an event, party or meeting, please telephone 07533 965 372 or email hallbookings@smj.hemelcatholic.org.

Caretaker: Mick Prendiville. Contact on 07926 141800.

Prayer lists: Please fill out the form at the back of the church. Names will remain on the list for four weeks unless otherwise requested.

We pray for the Departed: John Moriarty, Joe Forde, Conal O'Gara & Frankie Nicholson

We pray for the Sick: Ted Turvey, John Durcan, Lucinda, Ruth Smith, Mary Purdy, Angela Fox & Kitty Hampton

Accurate Information Needed! Calling all group coordinators, catecheist leaders and anyone else who leads a parish activity: **are the details of your group correct on our parish website www.boxmoorcatholic.org**? Is the information accurate? Are the dates relevant to 2017? **Please check** and email ann.dodd35@gmail.com letting me know either that the information is up to date or give me the up to date version. I need to know either way.

Ss Mary & Joseph Christmas Fair: Sunday 19th November 9.30am until 2.30pm. Tombola, craft stalls & stocking fillers. Soup & a roll. Tea/coffee and cakes. Please donate bottles, good quality gifts etc. There is a box in the porch for donations or contact any member of the Catholic Women's League or the Parish Council.

Our Lady Queen of All Creation

Rant Meadow, HP3 8PG

*Welcome to Our Lady's Church & Parish Community. If you are interested in booking the Church hall contact Shirley Bailey at hallbookings@olq.hemelcatholic.org or call 07519 837 130. **Caretaker:** Contact Cliff Buss on 07557 397 492.*

Prayer lists: Please fill out the form in the church foyer. Names will remain on the list for four weeks unless otherwise requested.

We pray for the Departed: May they rest in peace.

We pray for the Sick: Matthew Hay, Jack Barrett, Mary McMahan, Jackie Boore, June Stockwell, Nora Watson, Anne Langley, Francis Family, Cronin Family, Keene Family, Bernard O'Reilly, Terence Penn, Liz & Peter Renwick, Bernard & Kay Kelly

The ODP Team invite you to their cake and produce stall after all Masses this weekend. We will be serving tea/coffee and biscuits.

The tickets for our Christmas Draw will be given out after all Masses this weekend. Please take one or two books and try to sell them. Tickets are 50p each and there are 10 tickets per book. Please return money and counterfoils to Joan Marshall.

Missio (Red Box) Holders: Please collect your Mission Today 2018 Calendar from the Church entrance hall. If you have a Red Box that hasn't been collected/emptied, please ring Alan Holyoak on 07789 015 342 to organise collection.

Christmas Fair: This festive event will be taking place on Saturday 2nd December. Donations are needed for the fair. We need bottles for the bottle stall, books, DVDs and assorted good quality items for the bric-a-brac. Please leave any donations in the church hall in the collection boxes. Any suggestions, offers of help please email us at pc@olq.hemelcatholic.org.

St Mark

Hollybush Lane, Warners End, HP1 2PH

Welcome to St. Mark's Church and Parish community. If you are new to the parish you are invited to complete a "New to the Parish" form which you will find at the back of the church and place it in the "New to Parish" folder in the porch.

Prayer lists: Please fill out the form available at the back of the church and place it in the "Prayer List" folder in the porch. Names will remain on the list for four weeks unless otherwise requested.

Please pray for the sick: John O'Sullivan, Mary Cannon, Antonia la Fuente, Vera Collimore, Sally Howes & Lily Dalimore

Please pray for the Departed: Walter Burley, Jean Smith, Pat Briggs, Bridget Gavin, Lynn Pinchin, Albert Cornish, Theresa Green, Walter Prince, Claude Meziers, Kevin Finnegan & Henry Massey

Thank you for your support at last week's McMillan Coffee morning we raised **£48**.

DENS Raffle tickets will be on sale for a few weeks after Mass at £1 a ticket. We will also be having a Christmas draw in December.

Open Parish Meeting: Sunday 26th November after the 10.15am Mass. Questions can be sent in advance to newsletters@hemelcatholic.org.

Hemel Ordinariate Mission

Pastor: Fr Simon Chinery

Email: simon.chinery@ordinariate.org.uk or call 387 195.

Welcome. We are based at St Mark's, meeting on Sundays at 8.45am and Wednesdays at 7.45pm for Mass. Morning Prayer is celebrated on Sundays at 8.15am. Our next Holy Hour will be on Sunday 19th November at 4:15pm. **All are welcome at our services.**

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

(GH) Grovehill, (BM) Ss Mary & Joseph Boxmoor, (SM) St Mark, (OLQ) Our Lady's, (ORD) Ordinariate	
Sat 4 th	5pm (OLQ) Ida Baruffa RIP 6pm (BM) John Moriarty RIP
Sun 5 th	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) Joe Forde RIP ANNIV 9am (GH) Domingo Bagares 10.15am (SM) Deceased Members of the Albert Family 10.30am (OLQ) Holy Souls 11.45am (BM) Conal O'Gara RIP ANNIV 12 Noon (OLQ) Bartholomew McMahon RIP ANNIV
Mon 6 th	10am (OLQ) Holy Souls
Tues 7 th	10am (OLQ) Michael & Josephine Perse RIP
Wed 8 th	10am (GH) Merlyn Carvalho RIP 7.45pm (SM/Ordinariate)
Thurs 9 th	12 noon (BM) John Moriarty RIP
Fri 10 th	10am (BM) Frankie Nicholson RIP 6.30pm (OLQ) Ann Watkinson RIP
Sat 11 th	10am (OLQ) Michael & Marianna McEvoy RIP ANNIV 5pm (OLQ) Peter Mai & Maria Nguyen RIP ANNIV 6pm (BM) George Purdy RIP
Sun 12 th	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) Pat Miles RIP ANNIV 9am (GH) Joan Nolan RIP 10.15am (SM) Deceased Members of the Gill Family 10.30am (OLQ) Daniel Thornton RIP ANNIV 11.45am (BM) William & Bella Hegarty ANNIV 12 Noon (OLQ) Dead of all Wars