

HEMEL CATHOLIC PARISHES

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6th/7th January 2018



Happy New Year!

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, we remember those gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. The Wise Men invite us today to reflect on the gifts we have received from God and His Will that we offer our giftedness for the salvation of the world. All of us have received the gifts of life, faith, hope and love and this coming year the Lord asks us to share these gifts with each other as we continue building our parish community. There are so many people, with so many gifts in our parishes - gifts that we need to sustain and develop our life together – so this year let's offer our gifts and talents for the needs of our community. Life, faith, hope and love are the things that our world needs and as followers of the Christ-child, giving ourselves away in service and charity are not an option!

Towards the end of last year, we held our open parish meetings which were very encouraging. We identified our strengths and weakness and we understood more clearly the challenges that face us. In the coming year I hope that we can focus our energy and gifts, our groups and parish structures, on renewing the 3 pillars of our parish life - Worship, Faith Formation and Missionary Outreach.

Next Sunday is Peace Sunday when we pray for peace in our world. Our cross-parish Justice and Peace group meet regularly to reflect on the need for justice and peace in the world, and they are determined to act on our behalf concerning issues where we can make a difference. Why not join this group this year?

On behalf of Fr Kim, who is visiting his family in Zimbabwe until the 17th January, and Frs Brian, Bernard and Simon, and Deacon Simon, I want to thank everyone who helped to make our Christmas celebrations so lovely and so prayerful. We also appreciate your generous gifts and presents and your kind offerings. May 2018 be a year full of grace for our parish community and our personal lives, as we journey together on the pilgrimage of life.

Fr Paul

May Mary and all the Saints pray for us.

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Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday 12 noon. Items to:
newsletters@hemelcatholic.org

Boxmoor Office: Shirley Bailey

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Cross Parish Notices

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10.30 – 11am (*Our Lady's*)

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ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Saturday 10.30-11am (*Our Lady's*)

First Friday after 10am Mass at BM & from 2.30pm at OLQ. 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, Watford and St Albans, the Chaplain is Colette Lennon. 07801 930 246.

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.

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 4pm for quiet prayer and reflection.

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 the next sessions to attend are on **Saturday 13th January** 10.30am until 1pm at Our Lady's church hall, then **Saturday 20th January** 10.30am until 12 noon in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor. Application forms are available at the back of the church.

Confirmation 2018: The 1st meeting, which is for parents and candidates, will be at 7pm on 16th January in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor. We look forward to presenting the programme and answering any questions. The course is full, so no more applications can be accepted.

First Holy Communion: Our next meeting is on Saturday 13th January at St Alberts School. Please be on time for your group. Our children will celebrate their 1st Reconciliation in their schools on Tuesday 6th February, at St Alberts, and Friday 9th February at St Cuthbert Mayne School. Children not in our schools will make their 1st Reconciliation at 11.30am Saturday 10th February at Our Lady's church.

Jesus invites you to First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 12th January. There will be half an hour adoration after the 10am Mass at Boxmoor then at Our Lady's from 2.30pm with confessions from 5pm, Benediction at 6pm and Holy Mass at 6.30pm with Litany of the Sacred Heart. **Do sign the rota!**

Sadly since our last First Friday we have all received the sad news that dear **Majella Byrne** died very suddenly on the morning of Sunday 31st December. Majella was a committed and regular attendee of the First Friday Adoration among many other things in the parish. She also helped out at the Prison. She will be greatly missed. **May she rest in peace.**

Hemel Catholic Parishes Justice & Peace Group: Christianity began in what is now Palestine, but the Christian population of Palestine is in decline on account of the political situation there. We will be showing a film "**The Stones Cry Out**" highlighting the plight of Christians in the Holy Land at **7.30pm Wednesday 10th January in the Church Hall at Our Lady's**. Light refreshments will be available. All are very welcome. Please contact 400 331 for more details.

The monthly bingo run by the Knights of St Columba for January 2018: This will take place on the second Wednesday, 10th January at 8pm. From February the bingo will revert to the usual first Wednesday of each month.

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry: We invite you to a seven day Retreat at Mem Soares, Castelo De Vide, Retreat House, Portugal. There are two dates available: Thursday 10th May– Wednesday 16th May or Thursday 13th September – Wednesday 19th September. Please see the notice board for more details or call 020 8542 2476.

John F Kennedy School Vacancies: The Governors are seeking to appoint a Teaching Assistant and a Cover Supervisor as soon as possible. Vacancy details are available to view on the website: www.jfk.herts.sch.uk.

New Year Ramble with Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Start 2018 with friends, firm footwear, fresh air and faith! Saturday 13th January at 10am. We will be meeting at Martins' Pond on Hempstead Lane, Potten End (park along The Common). This is a 3 to 4 mile circular ramble ending at the Pub.

School Forms: Fr Kim and Fr Paul offered to sign all Certificates of Catholic practice at Mass over 4 weekends in November - December, which allowed practicing families to speak to them. They will not be signing any more forms before the January deadline.

Funerals at Our Lady's

Bogdan Jovicic RIP

Funeral Service Wednesday 10th January at 12 noon.

Josephine Moore RIP

Funeral Service Friday 12th January at 12 noon.

Majella Byrne RIP

Reception into church Wednesday 17th January at 4.30pm.

Requiem Mass Thursday 18th January at 11am.

Burial at Islington Cemetery, East Finchley.

William McGirr RIP

Requiem Mass Friday 19th January at 10am.

May they rest in peace. Amen

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.

We pray for the Departed: Dudley Woods, Des Woods, Jean O Leary, Seamus McKenna, Ethel Hayes, Tom Wickham, Hugh Cross & Breda Kelly

We pray for the Sick: Betty Hayes, Heidi Pettifer, Madeline Crouchman, Danny Mulcahy, Lorraine Shadrlow, Ita Murray & Eileen McGillicuddy

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: Brigid & Kevin Gasson, Frank Babb and Ann Casey, Christine Cushing

We pray for the Sick: Ted Turvey, John Durcan, Lucinda & Maureen

Fairtrade stall at the Scout's Coffee Morning after the 8.45am Mass on the second Sunday of each month. Why not come along on Sunday 14th January and join the Scouts for tea/coffee, bacon and sausage sandwiches. You will also be able to browse our selection of Fairtrade goods. **Everyone is welcome.**

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: Majella Byrne, William McGirr, Bogdan Jovicic, and Josephine Moore.

We pray for the Sick: Mary McMahon, Jackie Boore, Velma Barwick, Mary Varghese, Cronin Family, Francis Family, Matthew Hay, June Stockwell, Nora Watson, Anne Langley, B Mwambalasa, Clare & Peter Gala, Charbel, Sonia Bou Kholil, Samira Abbas, Josephine Khoury, Raymonde Khoueiry & Bernard Kelly

Catholic Women's League Adeyfield: We will be serving a choice of three homemade soups and crusty bread for £2.50 on Tuesday 9th January from 12.30pm in Our Lady's Church Hall.

Peace Sunday: Pax Christi prayer cards with a strong message for peace from Pope Francis will be available in church on the weekend of 13th/14th January. Please take one home.

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: Patrick Byrne, Steve Harris, David Norman, John Keane, Ted O'Leary, Tony Rumph & Lindsey Worley

Parish Raffle: Thank you to everyone who either bought tickets or donated prizes. The raffle raised £80 for parish funds. There are two prizes to be collected by Mary and the O'Sullivan Family.

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.

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 6 th	5pm (OLQ) Raymond & Therese Antoine RIP 6pm (BM) Brigid & Kevin Gasson RIP ANNIV
Sun 7 th	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) Frank William Babb RIP 9am (GH) Jean Innes RIP 10.15am (SM) 10.30am (OLQ) Emily Rose Anderton RIP 11.45am (BM) Mary Delany RIP ANNIV 12 Noon (OLQ) Fr Sebastian INT
Mon 8 th	10am (OLQ) Maureen Turner INT
Tues 9 th	10am (OLQ) Joan Haines RIP
Wed 10 th	10am (GH) Martin & Margaret INT 12noon (OLQ) Funeral - Bogdan Jovicic RIP 7.45pm (SM/Ordinariate)
Thurs 11 th	12 noon (BM) Margaret Ryan INT
Fri 12 th	10am (BM) Ann Casey RIP 12noon (OLQ) Funeral - Josephine Moore RIP 6.30pm (OLQ) Jannie Sayer INT Full Recovery
Sat 13 th	10am (OLQ) CWL Members INT 5pm (OLQ) Maria Theresa Mai RIP ANNIV 6pm (BM) Teresa Sherlock ANNIV
Sun 14 th	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) John West ANNIV 9am (GH) Manuel D'Costa RIP 10.15am (SM) Parishioners 10.30am (OLQ) Mr & Mrs Rodrigues RIP 11.45am (BM) Alan Saunders & Michael Killeen ANNIV 12 Noon (OLQ) Betty Borgeat RIP