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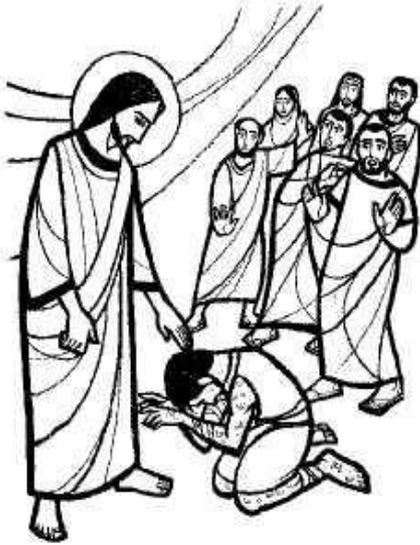
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The Resurrection + St Mary & St Joseph +
Our Lady Queen of All Creation + St Mark

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th/11th February 2018



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Wednesday 12 noon. Items to:
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Fame and Infamy

Leprosy is an infamous disease, left untreated it disfigures and debilitates and because of that people suffering from it are shunned, even though it is not very contagious. In today's gospel Jesus cures someone suffering from leprosy and so becomes famous and people flock to him, even though Jesus did not want this attention.

Something similar happens today but there is a subtle difference. The homeless, the mentally ill, immigrant victims of war and persecution are among those shunned by large sections of our society, but those who seek to solve the underlying problems do not generally become famous.

So who is famous today? Maybe Donald Trump – for what he tweets, Kim Kardashian – for what she looks like or Meghan Markle – for who she is marrying? No matter what someone is famous for, celebrities often describe fame as a trap, a burden and a manacle, they are unable to have a normal life.

Jesus sought a solution to his celebrity status, he joined the shunned. *'Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived.'* But it was only a partial success; *'Even so, people from all around would come to him.'*

Are there insights from the bible to help us? St Paul in our second reading provides some guidance:

- *'Whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God'*
- *'try to be helpful to everyone at all times'*
- *'be not anxious for your own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else,'*
- *'so that they may be saved'*

We heard last week that Jesus came to earth to preach salvation and to be salvation so if we befriend the homeless, show respect to the mentally ill and care for the victims of war and persecution not only might we show Christ's love for them, but we might also be saved.

Deacon Simon

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 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. Please call the Chaplaincy office on 01923 217994 for Watford and St Albans.

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 17th March 10.30am until 1pm at Our Lady's church hall, then Saturday 24th March 10.30am until 12 noon in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor. Application forms are available at the back of the church.

Mass Offerings: For many years the recommendation for Mass offerings in our diocese has been £10. This goes to the upkeep of your parish clergy. Please bear this in mind when asking for Masses to be said in our parishes and please use the Mass offering envelopes provided.

Churches Together Prayer intention for the week: For all Christians and churches as they prepare for the period of Lent.

Intercessory Prayer and Health: There will be a talk on Monday 19th February 7.30pm at Grovehill church looking at the question "What happens to the human body when we pray for healing?" For more details please call Ruth Treves Brown on 863 268 or see the church notice board for more details.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day Friday 23rd February:

This Lent your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough food to eat. Your donation this Lent will make double the difference as for every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million; meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from Church this week, and please give generously.

Lent 2018

Ash Wednesday Masses: 10am Grovehill, 12 noon Boxmoor, 6.30pm Our Lady's, 7.45pm St Mark's Ordinariate.

Stations of the Cross this week after Mass on Thursday morning at Boxmoor and Friday evening at Our Lady's

Lent Holy Hour at Our Lady's on Sundays 5-6pm.

A full timetable of Lenten Devotions and events will be published next weekend.

Hemel Hempstead Street Pastors will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 21st February 7.30pm at the Methodist Church on Northridge Way. We would like to encourage each church to have a representative at the meeting. We need to appoint three more trustees. If you are interested in becoming a trustee or would like more details please contact Lois Swift at lois.swift@hhcc.org.uk or call 216 609.

St Rose's have places in their school Nursery from September 2018. Please join them for their Nursery Open Morning Monday 26th February, 9am until 10am. For more information on either their 15 hour or 30 hour nursery places or to book a place at the open mornings, please contact the school office on 398 855 or visit the website www.stroses.herts.sch.uk/admissions.

St Albert the Great School: Welcome applications for their nursery class starting in September 2018. Please join Mrs Little on Wednesday 28th February at 2.30pm. For more details or to book a place please call the school office on 264 835.

The Bereavement Support Group will be meeting on Thursday 1st March, 1.30pm until 3pm in St Joseph's Hall, Boxmoor.

Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 2nd March:

This year we are hosting the Hemel Hempstead service at Our Lady's at 11am. We are delighted to have some children from St Albert the Great School joining us. The service has been prepared by the women of Suriname and focuses on the importance of caring for God's creation. It is a day to join prayer with Christians across the world. Men, women and children are all very welcome. Please put the date in your diaries and, if you would like to help, in any way, please contact Lynn Bassett at ppc-chair@smj.hemelcatholic.org.

Fr Frank Thompson MHM It is with deep sadness that we heard that Fr Frank died peacefully during the early hours of Sunday 4th February. Fr Frank lived in SS Mary & Joseph parish for more than 40 years, following his return from missionary work in Africa. He contributed, quietly and faithfully, to the life of our Hemel Catholic communities in so many ways: in our churches, hospital and schools. He was an active member of the Samaritans and continued with his appeal work for the missions, driving up to 60,000 miles a year up and down the country, for as long as his health permitted. In 2016 he retired to Freshfield, near Liverpool; the place where he had begun his seminary training more than 60 years ago. May he rest in peace.

Fr Frank's funeral was celebrated in Liverpool on Saturday 10th February. A date and time for a memorial Mass in Hemel Hempstead will be announced.

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: Fr Frank, Madeline Crouchman, Mary Malloy, Luther Shotton, Katie S, Ann Wright, Paddy Byrne, Patricia Duffy, Louis Griffin & Betty Norton

We pray for the Sick: Michael Ridley, Ken Mansfield, Katie Howick, Joyce Jackett, Di Adams, Betty and John Summers, Ita Murray, Lorraine Shardlow, Betty Hayes & Christine

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: Fr Frank, Martin McDonagh, Immaculada Carr, Sam & Stephen Gardner

We pray for the Sick: Eamon Keegan, Ted Turvey, John Durcan, Lucinda & Angela Fox

There will be a Fairtrade stall at the Scouts' Coffee Morning after the 8.45am Mass on Sunday. Join the Scouts for tea/coffee, bacon and sausage sandwiches. You can also browse our selection of Fairtrade goods. **Everyone is welcome.**

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: The next meeting will take place in the presbytery at **7.30pm on Monday 12th February**. Amongst other things we will discuss the topics raised at the Open Parish Meeting, held in October, to discern a way forward for our parish. If you have thoughts or ideas following on from this meeting, or on any other subject, that you would like to contribute to our discussions please do send them in writing to Lynn Bassett at ppc-chair@smj.hemelcatholic.org by 5th February.

Mission Red Box Collection: Our next collection will run from 3rd – 11th March. Please place your donations in the big red box at the back of church during collection week. You are welcome to bring your red box, or any other named bag/envelope. Coins can be heavy so please be in touch if you need help. For more details call Debra on 07771 811 027 or email redboxmoor@gmail.com. Next collection: 6th – 14th October 2018.

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: Jackie Boore, Jack Barrett, Peter Heffernan, Kitty Hampton, Mary McMahan, Bernard Kelly, Kay Kelly, Samia Bou Khalil, Barbara Hall, June Stockwell, Nora Watson, Anne Langley, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Cronin Family, Alice Francis & Family, Matthew Hay & Nora Buzwilili

The Flowers on the altar this week are in the memory of Charles Barling. Please pray for his soul.

Raffle for the students of Bethlehem University & Mar Elias Education Institutions: Tickets at £1 each will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. There are a number of good prizes. Please consider supporting Education at these worthy centres of the Christian population in the Holy Land.

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: Creed Barrett, Cyril Barrett, Sister Brenda Duncombe, Ben Mantella, George Briggs, John Dowling, Alan Stuart, Ronald Harburn, Ben Jeacock, Amy Carty, Mary Pipkin, James Scully, Ann Knowles, Pearl Walczak, Elizabeth Kelleher & Michael Kelleher

Reading for Lent ... and beyond: A parishioner has kindly donated a selection of books on Christianity, Spirituality and Scripture. They can be found on the table in the Parish room. You can borrow or buy a book for £1 each. Please place your donation in the box provided.

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 | |
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| Sat 10 th | 5pm (OLQ) Charles Barling RIP 6pm (BM) Martin McDonagh RIP |
| Sun 11 th | 8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) Inmaculada Carr RIP ANNIV 9am (GH) Chike Ikenna & Chicluka 10.15am (SM) Ignatius Keegan RIP 10.30am (OLQ) Hanora & Michael Dee RIP ANNIV 11.45am (BM) Sam RIP 12 Noon (OLQ) Betty Borgeat RIP |
| Mon 12 th | 10am (OLQ) Winifred McDonagh RIP ANNIV |
| Tues 13 th | 10am (OLQ) Holy Souls |
| Wed 14 th Ash Wednesday | 10am (GH) People of the Parish 12 noon (BM) People of the Parish 6.30pm (OLQ) People of the Parish 7.45pm (SM/Ordinariate) |
| Thurs 15 th | 12 noon (BM) Bernard & Kathleen Kelly Diamond Wedding ANNIV |
| Fri 16 th | 10am (BM) Stephen Gardner RIP 6.30pm (OLQ) Vito & Michael Torrano RIP |
| Sat 17 th | 10am (OLQ) Jessica Hoskings RIP ANNIV 5pm (OLQ) Kay & Bernard Kelly Diamond Wedding ANNIV 6pm (BM) Celia Martil RIP |
| Sun 18 th | 8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) Jim Nolan RIP 9am (GH) 10.15am (SM) Elizabeth Kelleher RIP 10.30am (OLQ) Fr Phillip McNamara RIP 11.45am (BM) Ignatius Keegan RIP 12 Noon (OLQ) Kay & Bernard Kelly Diamond Wedding ANNIV |