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

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4th Sunday of Lent

10th/11th March 2018



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The Mass for **Fr. Frank Thompson** last Monday evening was a very special occasion for our parish community. There was a real spirit of love for Fr Frank and of friendship among us as we celebrated his life, his ministry and his faith. It was just how Fr Frank would have wanted us to remember him. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the Mass and the refreshments after. May Fr Frank rest in peace. Amen.

As we hasten towards our Easter celebrations let's pray that they will help us encounter the Lord among us in a deep way, and pray especially for those who will be baptised, received and confirmed at the Easter Vigil. We will follow the same schedule as last year, which we will publish next week. This week we invite our readers and ministers from all parishes to **sign up the rotas** for the various liturgies at our different churches. You will find the rotas at the back of church.

At the last round of **Finance and Parish Council** meetings I asked all members to stand down, so that we might discern the best way to shape these important bodies of parish governance for the future. I am very grateful to all those who have served our parishes in this way, often for many years and I pay tribute to the difference their contributions have made. Until we decide on what follows, I have asked Lynn Bassett, Deacon Simon, Eddie Rochford and Fr Kim to be points of reference for anyone who has any particular concerns in our parishes.

Finally, we pray for all our mothers and mothers-to-be on this **Mothering Sunday**. May Mary the Mother of the Church bless you and hear your prayers. With great thankfulness, let's commend our mums, in heaven and on earth, to the loving heart of God.

Fr Paul

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: We will take a 2nd collection this weekend to make your contribution to the Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

Confirmation Course: Our next session will be on Tuesday 13th March, 7pm in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor.

Forthcoming Funerals

Friday 16th March **11.30am**
Requiem Mass for **Bernard Kelly** at Our Lady's.
Reception into church Thursday 15th March at 4.30pm.

Tuesday 20th March **11am**
Requiem Mass for **Pat Foley** at Ss Mary & Joseph

Churches Together Prayer intention for the week: St Stephen's Church, Chaulden.

Coffee Morning Keech Hospice Care: The last coffee morning raised £40. Many thanks to all the supporters

Pray, Fast, Give

Lent Holy Hour: Exposition & Benediction on Sundays 5-6pm alternating between Our Lady's and Ss Mary & Joseph. This week it will be held at Ss Mary & Joseph.

Way of the Cross: Wednesdays after 10am Mass at GH, at 7pm at St Mark's, Thursdays after 12pm Mass at SMSJ, Fridays after 6.30pm Mass at OLQ

Scripture Sharing: Join our RCIA group who will be sharing the Lent Gospels. **Tuesdays** 8pm until 9pm in St Joseph's hall Boxmoor.

Taize prayer: Friday 16th March at 7.30pm at SMSJ.

Penitential Service: Friday 23rd March at **7pm at OLQ.**

Dacorum Interfaith Network: The next meeting will be on Monday 7.30pm at the Friends Meeting House (Quakers) 22 St Mary's Road, HP2 5HL. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart Church Berkhamsted Lenten Reconciliation Service: Our Lenten Reconciliation Service will be on Monday 19th March at 7.30pm. A visiting priest will be available to hear individual confessions.

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead Lent Groups: These will take place on Mondays from 1.30pm - 2.30pm, with a theme of 'On the Road to Calvary', at the following churches; St Benedict's, Peascroft Road 12th March, Salvation Army, Waterhouse Street 19th March and Church of the Resurrection on 26th March. Please do join us.

Churches Together Ramble Saturday 17th March 10am from St Mary's Church Apsley: The walk will take in Shendish, King's Langley Common and the Grand Union Canal. Approx 4 miles (2hrs - 2½hrs). Moderate walk (50 metre climb and muddy in places).

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Team: Invite you to a Seven day Retreat at Mem Soares, Castelo De Vide, Retreat House, Portugal from Thursday 10th May until Wednesday 16th May. For more details please call David or Eileen on 0208 542 2476. Or you can find more details on the church notice board.

The Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 19th May at 3pm. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th, please give Fr Paul or Fr Kim the following details by the 16th March: husband's and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email), to get an invitation.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham: To pray for the Sanctity of Life Monday 9th April at the Shrine of Walsingham at 12 noon. For more details call Rosemary on 07723 546642 or email rosemary.roscoe@gmail.com. Cost for the coach is £20.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 21st-29th November 2018: Join Bishop John Wilson and Fr John Farrell OP, and Fr Paul on the 8th Diocesan pilgrimage/retreat to the Holy Land. Visit the holy sites, support local Christians and deepen your faith. Galilee-Bethlehem-Jerusalem. Full board. Flying BA. Price £1549 per person sharing. Single room and travel insurance extra. For booking forms and more information contact Elizabeth Uwalaka 0207 798 9173 or Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886 666.

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: Medeline Crouchman, Bernard Innes, Bernard Kelly, Katie S, Carlisle Miller, Denis Kuitcha, Jean Marie, Marie Fenton & All in Mbeuto Kintia

We pray for the sick: Joyce Jackett, Maggie's Mum, Christine, George, Dave, Lorraine Shardlow, Ita Murray, Betty and John Summers, Geoff S, Brian S & Gobert Yomi

Lent Group: Tuesday nights 7.30pm 13th and 20th March in the Church Hall. We will be looking at the characters from 'Les Miserables' and what the Bible would say to them. **All welcome.**

Just Giving Sunday: The idea behind Just Giving Sunday, which falls on the first Sunday of each month is for donations to be given to DENS. We felt it important that we reiterate the reason behind this as there are new parishioners to the parish who may not be familiar with the cause. Each month in the newsletter we update with the items most needed for any particular month. The list of items can also be found in the church foyer. As always we are very grateful for the donations to date and your continued generosity.

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: Pat Foley & Stephen Gardner

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

Fairtrade Fortnight in the grounds of Ss Mary & Joseph Sunday 11th March after the 8.45am and 11.45am Masses. There will be a Fairtrade stall with literature and Fairtrade goods. The scouts will be providing tea/coffee and bacon and sausage sandwiches. We are also inviting Parishioners to bring and share home-made cakes made with one or more Fairtrade ingredient. For more details please contact Eileen on 07831511543 or Janice on 07847167969.

Our Lady Queen of All Creation

Rant Meadow, HP3 8PG

Welcome to Our Lady's Church & 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.

*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: Bernard Kelly

We pray for the Sick: Bernard Cronin & Family, Alice Francis & Family, Audrey Davies, Michael Connor, Matthew Hay, June Stockwell, Nora Watson, Anne Langley, Jackie Boore, Mary McMahan, Jack Barrett, Velma Barwick & Charles Hooper

Catholic Women's League: We will be holding Soup Lunches every Tuesday during Lent in Our Lady's Church Hall at 12.30pm. Come and enjoy a bowl of homemade soup and Crusty bread for £2.50.

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: Geoffrey Gower, Jimmy Cash, Nancy Finnegan, Cecelia Briant, Joan Gaskell, Ken Robertson, James Mc Cloughlin, George Mc Keever, Arthur Marchant, Cecil Tucker, Hannah O’Farrell, Constance Smallwood, Along Ong, Steve Ash, Stewart Gavigan, Daphne Cornish & Lucy Jones

The Way of the Cross: All four Parishes are invited to follow the Way of the Cross in prayer, reflection and song, at St Mark’s on Wednesday evenings at 7pm during Lent. A different set of stations are used each week to enrich our devotions.

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.

Holy Hour with Evening Prayer, Adoration, Benediction and the opportunity for confession this Sunday 4.15pm at St Mark’s.

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 10 th	5pm (OLQ) Kathleen Holden INT 6pm (BM) Parish
Sun 11 th	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) 9am (GH) Sean Geraghty RIP 10.15am (SM) Barry Albert RIP 10.30am (OLQ) Liz Kothanikkal RIP 11.45am (BM) 12 Noon (OLQ) Majella Byrne RIP 5pm (BM) Holy Hour
Mon 12 th	10am (OLQ) Mary Nash RIP
Tues 13 th	10am (OLQ) Dave McManus RIP
Wed 14 th	10am (GH) Sean Geraghty RIP 7.45pm (SM/Ordinariate)
Thurs 15 th	12 noon (BM) Stephen Gardner RIP
Fri 16 th	10am (BM) 11.30am (OLQ) Requiem Mass for Bernard Kelly 6.30pm (OLQ) Ronald Isaacs RIP ANNIV
Sat 17 th	10am (OLQ) Majella Byrne RIP 5pm (OLQ) Les & Kathleen Bonnor RIP ANNIV 6pm (BM) Maureen & William Richards RIP
Sun 18 th	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) 9am (GH) Gussie Nagle RIP 10.15am (SM) Mary Jose RIP 10.30am (OLQ) Mary McGirr RIP 11.45 (BM) Eamon McCluskey RIP ANNIV 12 Noon (OLQ) Bogdan Jovic RIP 5pm (OLQ) Holy Hour