

HEMEL CATHOLIC PARISHES

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

Diocese of Westminster Charity N° 233699

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th/18th November 2018



	2017	2018	difference	Adults/children
Boxmoor	499	392	-107	305/87
St Mark's	130	142	+12	92/50
Our lady's	569	541	-28	385/126
Grovehill	95	113	+18	100/13

This table shows the average number of people attending Mass at our churches after the Mass Count conducted in September/October. The figures help us to track the trend in Mass attendance year on year and they help us as we plan for the future needs and opportunities of our parish life. Sadly the trend in Mass attendance over the last few years is down, even though there will be the predictable spikes when we run our sacramental programmes and help with school applications. Food for thought!

We invite our teenagers who wish to be confirmed next year, to apply **online** to join the preparation course. Those in year 9 or above can apply and they must do this by **Friday 30th November** when we will close the applications. As ever, the candidates for Confirmation must be baptised, have made their 1st Communion and really want to receive this sacrament which will help them in their discipleship of Christ. Parents should not force their children to get confirmed at this age...they may feel more ready later on in life to make this commitment. Candidates will be expected to attend Mass every weekend if they don't already do so and participate fully in the programme. Go to <https://hemelcatholic.typeform.com/to/Kwda2H> to apply.

Parents who are applying for reception places at St Albert's, St Roses and Year 3 at St Cuthbert Mayne will need a certificate of catholic practice from their parish priest. We can only give these out to parents who come to Mass. So we will offer them at the end of Mass for the next few weeks.

Fr Paul will be leading the diocesan **Pilgrimage to Holy Land** from Wednesday this week. He will keep all our parishioners and their intentions in prayer at the holy places. Please pray for a safe and fruitful pilgrimage and do consider joining this important pilgrimage next year.

Hemel Parishes

Boxmoor & St Mark's

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Our Lady's & Grovehill

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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*)
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 Thursday.

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.

Forthcoming Funeral

Michael Morrissey RIP: Friday 30th November 10am at Grovehill

May he rest in peace and rise in glory

Baptism Preparation

Parents who wish to have their children baptised are required to attend our baptism course. At least one parent must be a practising Catholic and be known to the priests.

Our pre-Baptism seminars take place every 3 months and the next one will be on **Saturday 8th December** at St Mark's Church. Dates are set at the seminar. Parents are asked to speak to the clergy and read the new baptism information sheet, found in the porch.

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.

St Albert the Great Primary School is going to consultation on the admission arrangements for 2020 - 2021. For more information, please see the school website for a copy of the School Admission Policy, Supplementary Information Form and the Admission Consultation letter.

Lourdes 2019: We would like to take a group to Lourdes next year at the same time as the Diocesan pilgrimage. At this stage we need to know how many people would be interested in going. The dates are 21st-26th July. 4 star hotel full board and flights from Luton. £595 per person sharing. Please let Fr Paul know of your interest.

Caritas Hemel

Volunteers are needed to help the mini-bus drivers who bring guests to the Caritas Sunday Teas at Our Lady's on the third Sunday of each month. The bus collects guests from 1-2pm and takes them home from 4-5pm. Some of our guests are frail and need help on and off the bus. The volunteers would be welcome either to go home or help at the hall from 2-4pm. This might suit students who are doing the Duke of Edinburgh award. For more information please contact Paul Heatley on 07711 384061 (evenings) or email Paul.Heatley1@btinternet.com.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hemel Catholic Caritas Group will be held on Wednesday 21st November, 8pm in the Church Hall at the Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill. The agenda will include a discussion of the donations that we have made via the Dacorum Community Trust, the monthly Elderly Sunday Teas and the election/re-election of committee members and officers. All are welcome. Tea/coffee will be provided.

Churches Together Prayer intention for the week: South Hill Church.

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Our Open Forum will be on Wednesday 21st November 7.30pm at New Life Pentecostal Church, Lawn Lane. Theme: 'Going Bananas for Fairtrade'. Bring money for food and gifts. All welcome

Pray Hemel will be meeting on Saturday 1st December at Cornergate Foundation, c/o Cedar House, Featherbed Lane, HP3 9JD. Breakfast at 8am. Prayer from 8.30am - 9.30am. All are welcome.

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: John Reilly, Gerry Mason, Michael Morrissey, Andy Nolan, Joan Nolan, Bernard Innes, Elsie Simpson & Merlyn Carvalho

We pray for the Sick: Teresa Chalkwright, Angie Jenkins, Ita Murray, Lorraine Shardlow, Jenny Christie & Mary Furness

Ss Mary & Joseph

St Johns Road, Boxmoor, HP1 1NR

Welcome to Ss Mary & 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 Enquires: If you are interested in using the Parish Centre for an event, party or meeting, please telephone 07533 965 372 or email hallbookings@smj.hemelcatholic.org.

Caretaker: Mick Prindiville. Contact on 07926 141800.

We pray for the Departed: Bridget Gavin & Eddie Cooney

We pray for the Sick: David DeBono, Lucinda, Ted Turvey, Peter & Elizabeth Renwick, Robert Frampton, Len Cash & Mary Langton

Building Fund Collection: Next weekend we will take our second special collection for the Building Fund at SS Mary & Joseph. Many thanks to all who regularly contribute to this essential fund. This money is used for all of the maintenance and upkeep of our parish buildings and has been very helpful for the payment of the refurbishment of the sanctuary area in the church. We need to keep supporting this fund into the future as there is always work to be done which costs money. Please listen attentively to our finance committee members next week and give generously to the fund.

Save the Date: Ss Mary & Joseph Christmas Fair Sunday 25th November, 9.30am until 2.30pm in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor. There will be a tombola raffle, craft stalls, stocking fillers, Advent calendars and Christmas cards. There will also be soup and roll, tea/coffee and cakes. Donations of bottles, good quality gifts and handmade crafts very welcome.

Catholic Women's League Boxmoor: We are holding a raffle for a special unique handmade quilt. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Tickets will also be available on the day of the Parish Christmas Fayre. The Draw will also take place at the Christmas Fayre.

Sacristans at 8.45am Mass: We need new volunteers to be sacristans at the 8.45am Mass. Sacristans set up the church for Mass, ensure the ministries are covered and tidy up after Mass. If you attend this Mass and can commit to this important service to the parish please speak to Fr Paul.

Catholic Women's League, Boxmoor: Our next Soup Special will be held on Thursday 29th November, 12.30pm until 2pm in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor. Soup and Roll £2. Cake and tea/coffee £1.50. All are welcome.

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 Parish hall contact Shirley Bailey at hallbookings@olq.hemelcatholic.org or call 07519 837 130. **Caretaker:** Mick Prindiville. Contact on 07926 141 800.

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 Sick: Jack Barrett, Nora Watson, Nick Mayes, Kitty Hampton, Jagin Rogtiley, Ann Langley, Matthew Hay, Suzy Monvoisin, Bernard Cronin and Family, Simon de Winter, Ed Riley, Peter Lynch, Doreen Lynch, Stacey Berryman, Terence Penn & Vilma Fernandez

Catholic Women's League, Adeyfield: We will meet in the Church hall Wednesday 21st November at 8pm.

Church Cleaners: We are in need of 4 or 5 cleaners to join the rota. If you can spare an hour a month please contact Clare Borgeat.

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.

Please pray for the Sick: Joe Smyth, John O'Sullivan, Antonia la Fuente, Vera Collimore, Sally Howes & Lily Dalimore, Mick Reeve.

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

Christmas Raffle: This will take place on Sunday 23rd December. Tickets will be available over the next few weeks. Take an envelope home and purchase the tickets you want and return the money and stubs with your contact details on. Also please nominate a Local charity that you would like the funds to go to. Tickets are £1 a strip. There is £5 worth of tickets in each envelope. There is no obligation to buy all of the tickets. Any donations for raffle prizes will be most welcome.

DENS Christmas cards will be on sale over the next few weeks, priced at £3.50 per pack of 10.

Hemel Ordariate 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 Sunday 18th November, 4.15pm with evening prayer, adoration and Benediction at St Mark's.

All are welcome at our services

Lord God of Peace, Hear our Prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms.

How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried...?

But our efforts have been in vain.

Now Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace.

Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"

"With war everything is lost!"

Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace

Pope Francis 2014



Mass Times and Intentions this week

(GH) Grovehill, (BM) Ss Mary & Joseph Boxmoor, (SM) St Mark, (OLQ) Our Lady's, (ORD) Ordinariate

Sat 17 th	5pm (OLQ) Colman Daniels RIP ANNIV 6pm (BM) Bridget Gavin RIP ANNIV
Sun 18 th	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) Holy Souls 9am (GH) Martin Stewart RIP 10.15am (SM) Holy Souls 10.30am (OLQ) Maureen Walsh RIP ANNIV 11.45am (BM) Nuala Keaveney INT 12 Noon (OLQ) Marianna & Mick McEvoy RIP 4.15pm (SM) Holy Hour
Mon 19 th	10am (OLQ) Holy Souls
Tues 20 th	10am (OLQ) Len & Mary Chalkright RIP
Wed 21 st	10am (BM) Eddie Cooney RIP 7.45pm (SM/Ordinariate)
Thurs 22 nd	10am (GH) Terence McPherson RIP
Fri 23 rd	10am (BM) Holy Souls 6.30pm (OLQ) Miriam & John Croucher & Family INT
Sat 24 th	10am (OLQ) Miriam & John Croucher & Family INT 5pm (OLQ) Holy Souls 6pm (BM) Mary Light RIP
Sun 25 th	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) Holy Souls RIP 9am (GH) Noel Gastardo Thanksgiving 10.15am (SM) Albert Cornish RIP 10.30am (OLQ) Dale Langham RIP 11.45 (BM) William & Bella Hegarty RIP ANNIV 12 Noon (OLQ) Miriam & John Croucher & Family INT