

# 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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Second Sunday of Advent

8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> December 2018



2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF *Advent*

## Hemel Parishes

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## Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday 12 noon. Items to:

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A number of people have asked me about the recent Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which we run every November. Once again it was an amazing experience for all 54 pilgrims from across the diocese as we followed the footsteps of the Lord in his homeland. But as ever, it was our encounters with the Palestinian Christians which brought home to us the immense difficulties they have as both Palestinians and Christians in being hopeful for their future; squeezed as they are by the power of the state of Israel and the pressure from the Islamic culture of the state of Palestine. Indeed meeting our Christian brothers and sisters is an integral part of any pilgrimage to the Holy Land as they make real the call of the Gospel for justice and peace, for respect of human dignity and freedom of faith, for reconciliation and hope. Please pray for the persecuted church across the Middle East and think about joining the pilgrimage next year. You can see pictures at [www.flickr.com/photos/catholicwestminster](http://www.flickr.com/photos/catholicwestminster)

Last week our children celebrated their first reconciliation; experiencing for the first time the amazing mercy of God which is always available to us. They were well prepared, they had really thought about the things they had done wrong and they truly believed that Jesus forgave them in the sacrament. What an example for all of us! As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas, let us become like our children and come to the Lord in Confession, full of trust in his loving mercy and full of faith that he will forgive all our sins. Like our children we need not fear, but simply be honest with ourselves and humbly ask for His pardon and let him do the rest. Why not join us this coming **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Our Lady's at 7.30pm for our Advent Reconciliation Service?**

As we journey to the crib of Christmas the year, let's all commit ourselves to doing one extra thing to prepare our hearts for Christ. It may be attending a carol service in our churches, or joining our fellow churches at theirs. It may be donating to charity or making sure our neighbours are not alone. It may simply be spending 10 minutes in quiet prayer every day. Whatever we do for God this season, be sure he will fill us with his grace. You may like to sign up for Bishop Barron's reflections at [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

May Mary, Immaculately Conceived, pray for us and share with us some of her amazing grace.

*Fr Paul*

## 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.

**4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:peteandsue8@virginmedia.com).

**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. Certificates will be offered at the end of Mass over the next few weeks.

**Churches Together Prayer intention for the week:**  
Seventh Day Adventist Church.

**The last Keech Hospice Care** coffee morning raised £120. Many thanks to all the supporters.

**Carol Singing in the Marlowes:** Come and join with other Christians from Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead, to sing and share the joy of Christmas in the indoor shopping centre, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December between 12.30pm and 13.30pm. Also Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm until 7pm. All are welcome.

**Taizé for Advent:** There will be Taizé service Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at Ss Mary & Joseph. We will meet at 7.30pm for song, prayer, silence and reflection.

**Breakfast Club Vacancy at St Cuthbert Mayne School:** We are looking for a supervisor to start January 2019 for our ever-growing Breakfast Club. If you are able to work from 7.45am until 8.45am daily, please contact Mrs Smith, via the school office for further details. Email [admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk) or call 253347.

**St Cuthbert Mayne School** is consulting on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2020/21 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups. The proposed admission arrangements for 2020-21 are available at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2019](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2019) and on our website. The change, other than the format, is to give priority to children previously looked after by the state abroad and subsequently adopted.

**St Albert the Great** would like to invite the parish community to their Christmas Carol Concert. The main performance will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. There is also a dress rehearsal during the day on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm for those with young families or for those who are unable to get out in evenings. If you have any questions please contact the school office on 264 835.

**John F Kennedy School Vacancies:** The Governors are seeking to appoint a Data Manager. Please see the website for details more [www.jfk.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jfk.herts.sch.uk).

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead New Year Ramble Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019:** Meet at the Church of the Resurrection for 10am start. Walk to Aubrey's and Redbourne. Return via the Nicky line. Approx 4 miles. Finish at 12.30pm.

**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 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> July. 4 star hotel, full board and flights from Luton: £595 per person sharing. Please let Fr Paul know of your interest.

## 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](mailto:entapryz@hotmail.com).

**We pray for the Departed:** Michael Morrissey, Euan Bruce, Margaret Smith, Christina Kelly, Elsie Simpson, Christine Summers, Michael Deely & Gerry Mason

**We pray for the Sick:** Teresa Chalkwright, George Shattener, Maureen Gaul, Ita Murray, Lorraine Shardlow & Pat Finn

**Just Giving Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** Items for January are: tinned puddings and instant mash. For use inside DENS hostel: antibacterial soap and bathroom cleaner.

### Christmas Mass Times GH

Christmas Eve: Midnight Mass at 10pm  
Christmas Day: 9am

## 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](mailto:hallbookings@smj.hemelcatholic.org). **Caretaker:** Mick Prindiville. Contact on 07926 141800.

**We pray for the Departed:** Fr Michael Lambert, John Sweeney, Baby Rebecca Trainor, Spencer Anthony & Antonio D'Urso

**We pray for the Sick:** Lucinda, Ted Turvey, Lilly Hampton & Isabelle, Erica Jones, Nora McCarthy, Mary Langton & Dan Cronin



**Carols by Candlelight:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm at Ss Mary & Joseph. Please join us afterwards for Mulled Wine and Mince Pies in the Parish Centre after. **All are welcome.**

**Fairtrade Stall:** Why not come along to the Scouts' Christmas coffee morning on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Join the Scouts for tea/coffee, bacon and sausage sandwiches and mince pies with cream. You can also browse the selection of Fairtrade goods. Everyone is welcome.

**Catholic Women's League Christmas Hamper.** We will be selling raffle tickets for the hamper after all Masses this weekend and the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> December. The draw will take place after the Carol service on 17<sup>th</sup> December. All proceeds will go to CWL Charities.

### Christmas Mass Times SMSJ

Christmas Eve:	6pm Family Mass 11pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day:	9am & 11am

## 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](mailto: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, Kitty Hampton, Matthew Hay, Stacey Berryman, Ed Riley, Patrick O'Donnell, Nora Watson, Nora Watson, Gavin Ewa Damanska, Audrey Davies, Suzy Monvoisin, Bernard Cronin and Family & Bill Lyons

**There will be a collection for the Christmas flowers next weekend.**

**Catholic Women's League, Adeyfield:** We will be holding a cake and craft stall in the hall after all Masses this weekend. The draw for the Christmas hamper, Christmas cake and many other prizes will take place after the 12 noon Mass.

**Ecumenical Carol Service in aid of St Francis Hospice** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. We will be serving tea/coffee and mince pies after the service in the church hall. We are looking for donations of mince pies on the evening. Please put your donation in the church hall before the Carol Service.

**Parish Christmas Card:** Look out for the parish Christmas card in the entrance hall to the church this weekend. It provides a golden opportunity to give and receive Christmas greetings to your parish family, without the cost of buying and posting cards. It also offers you the possibility of signing the card and donating some of the savings you have made to the three Overseas Development Charities our parish supports: St. Benedict's Children's Home, Let the Children Live and the Mivumoni Epilepsy Clinic.

**Missio (Red Box) Holders:** Please collect your 2019 Mission today Calendar from the church entrance hall.

### Christmas Mass Times OLQ

Christmas Eve:	5.30pm Family Mass 11pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	10.30am & 12noon

## 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:** John O'Sullivan, Antonia la Fuente, Vera Collimore, Sally Howes & Lily Dalimore, Mick Reeve.

**Please pray for the Departed:** Phyllis and Tony Lewis, Alfred Smith, Martin Quigley, Phyllis Lewis, Tony Lewis, Blossom Lushay, Margaret Hayward, Pam Brown, Ronald Gaskell, Doreen McNabb, May Donnelly, Michael Hickey, Chris Kerwick & May Galvin

**Tea/coffee** will be served after Mass on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> December. We will also serve tea/coffee on the day of our Christmas Draw on 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

**Christmas Raffle:** This will take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Tickets will be available over the next few weeks. Take an envelope home, 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 are £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.

### Christmas Mass Times SM

Christmas Eve: 5pm Family Mass at JFK  
10pm Mass (Ordinariate)  
Christmas Day: 8.45 (Ordinariate) & 10.15am

## Hemel Ordinariate Mission

*Pastor: Fr Simon Chinery*

Email: [simon.chinery@ordinariate.org.uk](mailto: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.

**The next Ordinariate Holy Hour** will be on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 4.15pm at St Mark's with Evening Prayer, Adoration and Benediction.

**Candlelit Service of Lessons and Carols:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 4.15pm at St Mark's. All are welcome. Following the carol service, mulled wine and mince pies will be served.

**All are welcome at our services.**

## Diocese & Beyond...

An evening with Jim Forest Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 6.45pm until 9pm at St Pancras Church Parish Hall, Lancing Street, London NW1. (Jim Forest is an American Writer, Orthodox Christian Lay Theologian, Educator, and Peace Activist.). Reflecting on Thomas Merton, Dorothy Day and Daniel Berrigan.

## Mass Times and Intentions this week

<b>(GH) Grovehill, (BM) Ss Mary &amp; Joseph Boxmoor, (SM) St Mark, (OLQ) Our Lady's, (ORD) Ordinariate</b>	
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	5pm (OLQ) Charles Barling RIP ANNIV 6pm (BM) Baby Rebecca Trainor RIP ANNIV
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) Spencer Anthony RIP ANNIV 9am (GH) David & Catherine Nagle 10.15am (SM) Martin Quigley RIP 10.30am (OLQ) Private INT 11.45am (BM) Holy Souls 12 Noon (OLQ) Vito & Angela Maria Torrano RIP
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	10am (OLQ) Anne Langley RIP
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	10am (OLQ) Mary O'Keeffe RIP
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	10am (BM) John Sweeney RIP 7.45pm (SM/Ordinariate)
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	10am (GH) John Reilly RIP
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	10am (BM) Antonio D'Urso RIP 6.30pm (OLQ) Margaret Watts INT <b>7.30pm (OLQ) Reconciliation Service</b>
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	10am (OLQ) Douglas Hunter RIP ANNIV 5pm (OLQ) Alan Lewis RIP ANNIV 6pm (BM) Elizabeth Plate RIP
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) In Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus 9am (GH) Christopher Gilligan RIP 10.15am (SM) Patsy O'Loughlin RIP 10.30am (OLQ) Mass of Thanksgiving 11.45 (BM) Austie & Tess Cameron RIP 12 Noon (OLQ) Pat Essam RIP