

# 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

Third Sunday of Advent

15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> December 2018



*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.*

The time is approaching for us to celebrate the wondrous reason for our joy at this time of the year, the birth of our Saviour. The organised among us have everything arranged by now, but for the most of us this can be a time of last-minute preparations. It is important in the midst of all the preparations to keep in mind the real reason we are celebrating, that we prepare ourselves spiritually for the coming of our Saviour. Part of our preparations should be to decide which celebration of Mass that we are going to come to. Below is a table showing all the Masses that take place across the four parishes over the Christmas period. This is a useful table to keep to hand, especially when family and friends ask what time the Masses are taking place.

	West	
Date	Boxmoor	St Mark's
<b>24th Dec (Christmas Eve)</b>	6 pm Family Mass 11pm Carols & Midnight Mass	5 pm JFK (Family Mass) 10 pm (Ordinariate)
<b>25th Dec (Christmas Day)</b>	9 am & 11 am <i>(note these are different from Sunday Mass times)</i>	8:45 am (Ordinariate) 10:15 am
	East	
	Our Lady's	Grovehill
<b>24th Dec (Christmas Eve)</b>	10 am No Mass 5:30 pm – (Family Mass) 11pm Carols & Midnight Mass	10pm – Mass (Starting at 9:30 pm with Carols)
<b>25th Dec (Christmas Day)</b>	10:30 am & 12 Noon	9 am
<b>26th Dec (St Stephen)</b>	10am – Boxmoor 4 pm – Our Lady's (Polish Chaplaincy)	
<b>27th Dec</b>	10 am – Grovehill	
<b>28th Dec</b>	10 am – Boxmoor 6:30 pm – Our Lady's	
<b>Weekend 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<i>Masses as normal</i>	
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	10 am – Our Lady's	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> January 2019</b>	12 Noon – Our Lady's	
	<i>Normal Mass times resume</i>	

## 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](mailto:newsletters@hemelcatholic.org)

Boxmoor Office: Shirley Bailey

Adeyfield Office: Clare Borgeat

## 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).

### Forthcoming Funerals

**John Sweeney RIP:** Requiem Mass Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 11.30am at Ss Mary & Joseph.

**Mary Kelly RIP:** Reception into church Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm. Requiem Mass Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 11am at Ss Mary & Joseph.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

**Newsletter:** There will not be a newsletter on the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Offerings:** As you know the offerings made at the Christmas Masses add to the fund which pays your parish clergy. Please be generous and if you wish, use the special envelopes available for your personal offering to your clergy.

**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.

**Churches Together Prayer intention for the week:** Society of Friends (Quakers).

**Congratulations to William and Rosemary Doyle** who will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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:** Jerry Mason, John O Reilly, Michael Morrissey, Joe & Gary Kane, Andy Nolan, Seamus McKenna Debbie Brady, Heidi Pettifer, Johano D'Costa & Manuel Dion

**We pray for the Sick:** Jim Fitzgerald, Maureen Gaul, Kevin Rowbottom, Pat Finn, Kathleen Griffin, Lilian Behrendt, Ita Murray & Theresa Chalkwright

The Church of the Resurrection would like to thank the Co-operative Funeral Care for the generous sponsorship of the Christmas tree.

The Anglican and Free Church would like to wish all their brothers and sisters in Christ in the Catholic congregation a blessed Advent, Christmas and New Year.

**Just Giving Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** Items for January are: tinned puddings and instant mash. For use inside DENS hostel: antibacterial soap and bathroom cleaner.

## 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:** Peggy West, Mary Kelly, Elizabeth Plate, & John Sweeney

**We pray for the Sick:** Robert Frampton, 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. **All are welcome.**

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

We will be arranging the Christmas flowers at Ss Mary & Joseph on Christmas Eve from 8.30am. Do come and join us, if only to make the tea!!

**Recent Fundraising Results at Ss Mary & Joseph:** A big thank you to all who generously contributed time, support and money to our busy final quarter of appeals, events and activities. **The results are as follows:** The Building Fund 2<sup>nd</sup> Special collection: £1900, including Gift Aid, an all-time record; the Christmas Fair raised £1244 including the quilt raffle; Beds/Herts sponsored Bike ride raised £330 (our 50% of total sponsorship); the Quality Clothing Sale raised £300. Plus various other smaller but equally valuable contributions.

All foreign coins collected during 2018 through Mass offerings have been converted into sterling. This has been donated on behalf of Ss Mary & Joseph to the Missio Christmas Appeal fund. The sum raised is £55. A thank you letter from Missio is displayed in the church foyer.

**Westminster Year Book 2019:** If you would like to pre-order a copy through the parish please send your name and contact details to [LynnBassett@gmail.com](mailto:LynnBassett@gmail.com). The cost is likely to be around £5.

## 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, Audrey Davies, Suzy Monvoisin, Bernard Cronin and Family & Bill Lyons

**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.

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

**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.

**The new cleaning rota is available in the porch.**

## 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 & Margaret Watt

**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 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.

## Hemel Ordinariate Mission

*Pastor: Fr Simon Chinery*

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**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.**

## Mass Times and Intentions this week

(GH) Grovehill, (BM) Ss Mary & Joseph Boxmoor, (SM) St Mark, (OLQ) Our Lady's, (ORD) Ordinariate	
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	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 11.45am (BM) Austie & Tess Cameron RIP 12 Noon (OLQ) Pat Essam RIP
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am (OLQ) Dave McManus RIP
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	10am (OLQ) John Toomey RIP 11.30am (BM) <b>Requiem Mass for John Sweeney RIP</b>
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	10am (BM) In Thanksgiving 11am (BM) <b>Requiem Mass for Mary Kelly RIP</b> 7.45pm (SM/Ordinariate)
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	10am (GH) Michael Morrissey RIP
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	10am (BM) In Thanksgiving 6.30pm (OLQ) Marie Iwobi INT
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am (OLQ) Joan Phillips INT 5pm (OLQ) Ann Gallagher RIP ANNIV 6pm (BM) Geraldine Turner RIP Dermot Philpott RIP
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) Derek Moss RIP 9am (GH) People of the Parish 10.15am (SM) Phyllis & Tony Lewis RIP 10.30am (OLQ) Mr & Mrs A Okocha RIP 11.45 (BM) George & Mary Gardner RIP 12 Noon (OLQ) Deceased Members of the Hudson Family RIP