

HEMEL CATHOLIC PARISHES

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Our Lady Queen of All Creation + St Mark

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and the Church remembers in a solemn way the day on which Christ humbled himself as an example to us to be baptised in the River Jordan by his forerunner, follower, and cousin John the Baptist. Unlike ourselves, who all had need of baptism as the ordinary means by which God's saving work enters our lives (1 Pet. 3:21), Jesus didn't *need* to be baptised, he was without sin. John himself recognised that reality, but Jesus said that he was undergoing baptism to "fulfil all righteousness." (Mt. 3:15) In other words, Jesus was telling John that he was being baptised as an example to us.

Christ is our pattern for living as Christians, and three things were happening on the day that Jesus was baptised. The first was that in being baptised himself, he was mandating it for us to do and giving it the status of a sacrament. Jesus reiterated this truth several times in the Gospels, telling Nicodemus that a man must be "born of water and the Spirit" in order to see the Kingdom of God (Jn. 3:5), and specifically mandating that the apostles "go and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (cf. Mt. 28:19-20) The second important happening was that Jesus was being revealed by the voice of the Father and the descent of the Holy Spirit (Mt. 3:17) to be the Son of God and the second person of the Godhead, or Trinity, though the fullness of that understanding was still being developed when that passage of Scripture was written. The third milestone marked by Jesus' baptism was that it was the beginning of his public ministry, one that would culminate in his dying to save us and rising again that we might also have victory over death.

Throughout the year there are many who are following the call of Christ to bring their children to the Church to be baptised so that they may have new life in them. This feast is a good moment to stop and ask ourselves how well we are living out our baptismal life, are we recognising the Lord as the Son of God, and living our lives as the adopted children of God that is bestowed on us in our baptism, or are we allowing the world to distract us from our true destiny, to be with Christ forever in glory. That journey starts with our baptism. There are a number of people preparing to make that step as adults in our RCIA programme, please remember them in prayer as they prepare to deepen their journey and faith in the Lord.

Fr Kim

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.

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.

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 when dates for the baptism will be set. Parents are asked to speak to the clergy after Mass and read the baptism information sheet, found in the porch.

Forthcoming Funerals

Pat Stroughair RIP: Funeral Service at Our Lady's, Tuesday 15th January at 10am.

Joanne Pascale Trenchard RIP: Requiem Mass at Boxmoor, Thursday 17th January at 10am

Arthur McCaffery RIP: Requiem Mass at Boxmoor, Friday 18th January at 10am

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Parents who are applying for reception places at St Albert's and St Roses: Please note that Monday 15th January is the deadline to apply for a Reception place for September 2019.

Saturday 19th January: Sr Eileen, a Dominican Sister will give a talk 'Pastoral Experiences in Latin America' 11am at SS Alban & Stephen Church, Beaconsfield Road, St Albans. AL1 3RB. Everyone welcome.

The Four Parish Justice & Peace Group: We will meet in the parish room at the Church of the Resurrection on Wednesday 23rd January at 7.30pm. All are welcome - especially if you have particular Justice concerns.

Keech Hospice Care Coffee Morning will be held by Margaret Mann at 1 St Margaret's Way, HP2 4PA Wednesday 23rd January at 10.30am. All most welcome call 731660. Many thanks to Monica and David for hosting the last gathering.

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.

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: Gerry Mason, John O Reilly, Frances Fitzgerald, Christie Gilligan, Michael Morrissey, Elsie Simpson, James Simpson, Ita Murray & Terence McPherson

We pray for the Sick: Theresa Chalkwright, George Shaffer, Maureen Gaul & Mary Kearns

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the Sleepout. £1,035.00 was raised for Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter (DENS). Nicky Mansfield.

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: Joanne Pascale Trenchard, Arthur McCaffery, Peggy & John West, Connie Quinn-Ryan & Bridie Allen

We pray for the Sick: Ted Turvey, Mary Langton & Lucinda

Fairtrade stall at the Scouts' Coffee Morning: Why not come along to the Scouts' Coffee Morning on Sunday 13th January after the 8.45 Mass. Join the Scouts for tea/coffee, bacon and sausage sandwiches. You can also browse our selection of Fairtrade goods. Everyone is 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.

Please pray for the Departed: Pat Stroughair

We pray for the Sick: Jack Barrett, Ed Riley, Alex Asbury, Stacey Berryman, Gavin, Patrick O'Donnell, Lorraine Moran, Doug Bishop, Matthew Hay, Steve & Jo Hambling, Simon De Winter, Michelle Morris, Kitty Hampton, Bernard Cronin & Family & Suzy Monvoisin

The flowers on the sanctuary have been donated in memory of Charles Barling. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Peace Sunday 20th January: *How I wish that all men & women of good will would look at the Cross if only for a moment! There we can see God's reply: violence is not answered with violence, death is not answered with the language of death. In the silence of the Cross the uproar of weapons ceases and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue and peace is spoken. Pope Francis.* Prayer cards will be available

Children of Bethlehem Appeal: Each year the parish has raised funds at Christmas time in support of St Joseph's School & The Holy Family Children's Home in Bethlehem. The poverty, entirely man-made, in Bethlehem leaves families very vulnerable. An appeal will be made after all Masses on 20th/21st January. We ask that you give as generously as you can in support of both these church run institutions. The Sisters are the face of Christ to the poor of 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.

Please pray for the Sick: John O'Sullivan, Antonia la Fuente, Vera Collimore, Sally Howes, Lily Dalimore & Margaret Watt

Please pray for the Departed: Patrick Byrne, Steve Harris, David Norman, John Keane, Ted O'Leary, Tony Rumph & Lyndsey Worley

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: Sunday 20th January 4.15pm at St Mark's Church. Evening Prayer, Adoration and Benediction. All are welcome.

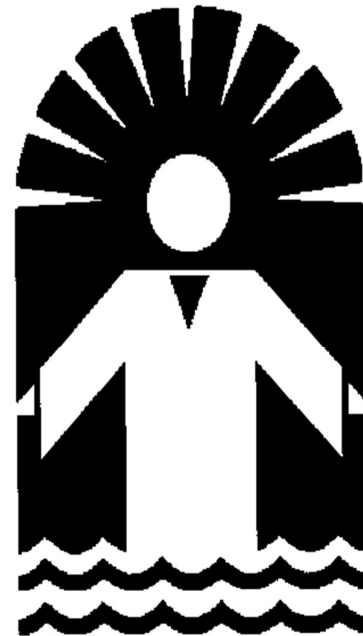
All are welcome at our services.

Pope Francis in Laudato Si quotes St. John Paul II: Every effort to protect and improve our world entails profound changes in "lifestyles, models of production and consumption and the established structures of power which today govern societies".



Mass Times and Intentions this week

(GH) Grovehill, (BM) Ss Mary & Joseph Boxmoor, (SM) St Mark, (OLQ) Our Lady's, (ORD) Ordinariate	
Sat 12 th	5pm (OLQ) Charles Barling RIP 6pm (BM) Lucinda Sick
Sun 13 th	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) Peggy & John West RIP 9am (GH) Manuel D'Costa 10.15am (SM) Anne Bates INT 10.30am (OLQ) Fr Bob Barry RIP 11.45am (BM) Connie Quinn-Ryan RIP 12 Noon (OLQ) Fr Kim Addison INT
Mon 14 th	10am (OLQ) Dave McManus RIP
Tues 15 th	10am (OLQ) Funeral Service for Pat Stroughair RIP
Wed 16 th	10am (BM) Bridie Allen RIP 7.45pm (SM/Ordinariate)
Thurs 17 th	10am (GH) Michael Reggy Ryan Whitlow 10am (BM) Requiem Mass for Joanne Pascale Trenchard RIP
Fri 18 th	10am (BM) Requiem Mass for Arthur McCaffery RIP 6.30pm (OLQ) Ewa Kosierkiewicz RIP
Sat 19 th	10am (OLQ) Ewa Kosierkiewicz RIP 5pm (OLQ) Maria Theresa Mai RIP ANNIV 6pm (BM) Dr George Xavier RIP
Sun 20 th	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) Antonio Durso ANNIV 9am (GH) Elsie Simson RIP 10.15am (SM) Betty & Jack O'Malley INT 10.30am (OLQ) William & Mary Beirne RIP ANNIV 11.45 (BM) Alan Saunders ANNIV Michael Killeen ANNIV 12 Noon (OLQ) Ewa Kosierkiewicz RIP



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