

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd/3rd February 2019



A New Chapter Begins

In each of our churches this weekend, you will find a *Decree* from Cardinal Vincent announcing the formal merger of our parishes. He states that following consultation, he has determined that the spiritual welfare and pastoral needs of the faithful will be better served by merging the parishes. This decree is dated 2nd February 2019, but it is to be applied retroactively for administrative reasons to 1st January 2019.

This means that, we now have 2 Catholic parishes in Hemel Hempstead serving the one Catholic community. Our four churches remain open. The new parishes are:

Hemel Catholic Parishes

Hemel West

Fr Paul McDermott

Parish Priest

The Presbytery,
186 St Johns Rd, HP1 1NR.

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Hemel East

Fr Kim Addison

Parish Priest

The Presbytery, Rant Meadow,
HP3 8PG

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Rev Simon Wright

Deacon

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Hemel West with the Churches of Ss Mary & Joseph and St Mark.

Fr Paul McDermott is appointed Parish Priest.

Hemel East with the Churches of Our Lady Queen of All Creation and the Church of the Resurrection. Fr Kim Addison is appointed Parish Priest.

We are grateful that the Cardinal understands the unique situation of our Catholic Community in Hemel and now that the merger has been granted we can welcome the opportunities it offers us to grow. We expect that there will be only a few noticeable changes following this merger, mainly to do with administration and finances, and that our everyday life will carry on as usual. We hope that by Easter, the necessary tweaks to our administrative systems will be made.

We feel that this new setup offers us greater stability and security for the future. While we will have to get used to belonging to 2 parishes, we are confident that you will welcome this change and continue to work even closer together as one Catholic community. To support this collaboration we have set up a *HemelCatholic* steering group with representatives from the parishes to build up our shared mission.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have about the merger and its implications, but in the meantime we invoke the blessing of the Risen Lord and the intercession of Our Lady and all the Saints as we begin this new chapter of our Catholic life in Hemel Hempstead.

Fr Paul & Fr Kim

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday 12 noon. Items to:
newsletters@hemelcatholic.org
Boxmoor Office: Shirley Bailey
Adeyfield Office: Clare Borgeat

Hemel Catholic 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.

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. **The next seminar will be on Saturday 2nd March in Our Lady's Church hall from 10-12noon.** Dates for the baptism will be set at this meeting. Parents are asked to speak to the clergy after Mass and read the baptism information sheet, found in the porch.

Dominican Associates: There will be a meeting on Tuesday 5th February, 7.45pm in St. Joseph's Hall to discuss the possibility of setting up a Dominican Associates group in Hemel Hempstead. Our parishes have a long, shared history with the Dominican order and the sisters would like to share their spirituality and prayer life with us, even though they are not a physical presence here any longer. If you are interested in hearing more, please come along to the meeting or email Jane at bert7252@aol.com.

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.

Coffee Morning 2018 Report: We sent £680 to Keech Hospice Care. They were very grateful and appreciative. Thanks to all the hostesses and subscribers for their generosity.

The John F Kennedy School presents 'The Odyssey' adapted by Hattie Naylor, on 6th/7th and 8th February at 7pm. To order tickets please visit our website www.jfk.herts.sch.uk.

Biblical Walk through the Mass: Monday evenings from 7pm until 8.30pm in Our Lady's Church Hall. A five part programme takes participants on an exciting tour of the Liturgy as it explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass. See why we say what we say and do what we do every week at Mass. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church. The cost for the programme is £20. The closing date to register is Sunday 3rd February. Open to ALL.

PROCLAIM 2019: We are seeking representatives from our parish communities to attend the Proclaim Spring Gathering on **Saturday 16th February**. The Proclaim initiative promotes the formation of parish-based evangelisation teams. It would be ideal to have representatives from all the main parish groups at the event, who could report back. We can then discern together a way forward for our communities to participate in the Church's most important mission: Spreading the Good News to all. The meeting will be led by Bishop Paul McAleenan and takes place at Nicholas Breakspear school from 9.30am until 3.30pm. To register and for more details please contact Warren Brown at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk or call 0207 79809152. Please let Fr Paul or Fr Kim know if you intend to go.

Churches Together Prayer intention for this week: Belmont Road Baptist Church.

The Bereavement Support Group will be meeting on Thursday 7th February, 1.30pm until 3pm in St Joseph's Hall, Boxmoor.

St Albert the Great: The admissions process for children starting Nursery in September 2019 opens on Monday 4th February. You are invited to visit the school on Monday 11th February at 9.15am or Thursday 7th March at 2.30pm. To book your place contact the school office on 264 835.

St Roses: The admissions process for children starting Nursery in September 2019 opens on Monday 4th February. You are invited to visit the school on Wednesday 13th February at 9.15am. For more details contact the school office on 398855.

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead Open Forum Tuesday 19th February, 7pm in Parish Centre, Boxmoor. Guest speaker is Wendy Lewington, CEO of Dens. All are welcome. Find out more about the joint projects of the Churches in Hemel and how you can join in.

Lourdes 2019: We would like to take a group to Lourdes next year at the same time as the Diocesan pilgrimage. 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 ASAP!**

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Join Fr Paul and Bishop Paul on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. 20-28th November 2019. £1599 pp sharing. See the poster in the porch and speak to Fr Paul.

What is Justice and Peace? It's about wanting to make a difference, witnessing to gospel values in society, not only by helping those close at hand, or sending gifts overseas, but asking why problems are arising, and whether we can speak up for change. We are currently working on such things as climate protection, Fairtrade, the refugee situation, and peace in the Middle East. Justice and Peace reps can publicise our work, maintain a parish notice board, or raise awareness in the parish. Can you be your parish Justice and Peace representative? Please contact justice@rcdow.org.uk.

The Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 8th June 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 17th March: husband's and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email), to receive an invitation.

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, Bernard Innes, Michael Morissey, Elsie Simpson, Jean Marie, Raphael Morris & Catherine Kelly

We pray for the Sick: Jim Furlong, Theresa Chalkwright, Maureen Gaul & George Shelton

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 contact Shirley Bailey on 07533 965 372 or email hallbookings@smj.hemelcatholic.org.

Caretaker: Mick Prindiville. Contact on 07926 141800.

We pray for the Departed: Robert Frampton, John Sweeney, Sean Sweeney, Fr Frank Thompson & Eamon McCluskey

We pray for the Sick: Monica Watkins, Hugh Cusick, Ted Turvey and Mary Langton

Sacristans at Ss Mary & Joseph: We would like to have a meeting for all our sacristans, and all who want to become sacristans on **Wednesday 6th February**, 10.30am at Ss Mary & Joseph church. Please try your best to attend.

Fairtrade stall at the Scouts' Coffee Morning after the 8.45am Mass on the second Sunday of each month. Why not come along to the Scouts' Coffee Morning on Sunday 10th February and join the Scouts' for tea/coffee, bacon and sausage Sandwiches. You can also browse our selection of Fairtrade goods. Everyone is welcome.

Good Neighbours: A new scheme to help the elderly, living in the Boxmoor village area, with transport to medical appointments, help and safety around the home and companionship. For enquiries or to volunteer call 07713358931. You can also find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/boxmoorgoodneighbour/.

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, Ed Riley, Kitty Hampton, Matthew Hay, Steve & Jo Hambling & Nora Watson

Catholic Women's League: We will be holding a soup lunch on Tuesday 5th February in the church hall at Our Lady's from 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Join our regular guests for a hearty hot soup and crusty bread lunch.

Thank you to all those who supported the Parish Christmas Card. We raised £205.69. This will added to the funds of our three Overseas Children's Charities; Mivumoni Epilepsy Clinic, Let the Children Live and St Benedict's Children's Home.

Children of Bethlehem: An enormous thank you for the marvellous response to the appeal on behalf of Bethlehem. Thanks are due not only to parishioners, but to parents of children at St Albert The Great School for their considerable contribution. Just over £3200 raised will be sent to St Joseph's school and Holy Family Children's Home very soon.

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.

All are welcome at our services.

Pope Francis (in Laudato Si'i) writes: "The earth our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish."



Mass Times and

Intentions this week

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

Sat 2 nd	5pm (OLQ) Kevin Gaughran RIP 6pm (BM) John Sweeney RIP
Sun 3 rd	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) Bishop Paul McAleenan & Bishop John Wilson INT 9am (GH) Martin Stewart RIP 10.15am (SM) Glen Stiffle RIP 10.30am (OLQ) Emily Rose Anderton RIP ANNIV 11.45am (BM) Sean Sweeney RIP 12 Noon (OLQ) Pat Stroughair RIP
Mon 4 th	10am (OLQ) Patricia Novis RIP
Tues 5 th	10am (OLQ) Fr Luis Franco INT
Wed 6 th	10am (BM) Fr Frank Thompson RIP 7.45pm (SM/Ordinariate)
Thurs 7 th	10am (GH) Irene James RIP
Fri 8 th	10am (BM) Eamonn McCluskey 6.30pm (OLQ) Myfanwy & George Morrison RIP
Sat 9 th	10am (OLQ) For an end to Abortion 5pm (OLQ) Marianne Adams RIP 6pm (BM) Jerry & Julie Curran RIP ANNIV
Sun 10 th	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) Peggy West RIP 9am (GH) Philly Kelly 10.15am (SM) Margaret Watt 10.30am (OLQ) Fr Bob Barry RIP 11.45 (BM) Anne Lund INT 12 Noon (OLQ) Vito & Michael Torrano & Giovanni Bifoko RIP