

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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1st Sunday of Lent

9th/10th March 2018



It's that time of the year again! Lent is upon us and we enter a period of preparation before we celebrate the Easter Triduum in about 6 weeks time. We all know the saying, 'You get out what you put in.' If we want this period of preparation to be fruitful, we need to plan how we are going to use this time wisely to prepare spiritually.

On Ash Wednesday, the Gospel calls us to Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, and to do these things joyfully, not looking glum and downcast (Matthew 6:1-6,16-18). What a great place to start!

We can look for ways we can spend more time in prayer. Lent is a time when we focus on the Passion of our Lord, all that he did in order that we may have life. Praying the Stations of the Cross is a wonderful way to meditate on that final journey of Christ, the pain that he suffered for our sins. There are many opportunities for praying the Stations of the Cross. See inside this newsletter for the times of the Stations of the Cross taking place around the churches in Hemel.

Then we can think about what it is we need to fast from. It is so easy to give up something simple that does not take much thought. If we want to take Lent seriously, we could start by looking at what is taking up our resources, our time and our money. Perhaps there is something that we can fast from in Lent that will free up some time that can be better spent in prayer and taking advantage of our Adult Faith Formation programmes. We can also consider something that we can fast from that can save some money, money that we can consider donating to charities that care for those much less fortunate than ourselves.

Which brings us onto almsgiving. Of course we have the Lenten Fast Day for CAFOD which takes place on Friday 15th March, when we can fast and contribute to the work of CAFOD, but that is only one day! What more can we do to help others around us in our almsgiving through all of Lent? Perhaps take a moment to consider where we can best use our resources and plan our almsgiving.

Our Lenten journey has begun and if we spend a moment planning our preparation there is so much we can get out of this time of preparation. Let's use it wisely!

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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 must attend a pre-marriage course. Don't set a date until you have spoken with a priest.

LENTEN EXTRAS

Adult Faith Formation: All are welcome to attend the BELIEVE course which explores the central tenets of our Faith which we proclaim every Sunday. It will take place every Tuesday in Lent at Boxmoor: 3pm to 4.30pm in St Joseph's Hall or 7.30pm to 9.15pm in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor. Come early for tea /coffee.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 15th March: Please take a Fast Day envelope home with you after Mass this Weekend and give what you can to help the poorest of the poor this Lent. Please remember to return your envelopes next weekend!

Stations of the Cross: 7pm on Wednesdays at St Mark's, 12 noon on Thursdays at Ss Mary & Joseph, Thursday after Mass at The Church of the Resurrection, and Friday evening after 6.30pm Mass at Our Lady's.

Boxmoor CWL will be providing Soup after the Stations on Thursdays 14th/28th March and April 11th. All are welcome. Donations to charity.

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 or 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.

Keech Hospice Care Coffee morning: The last coffee morning raised £50. May thanks to Vivian and Caroline Lobo.

Hemel Hempstead History Film Night: Saturday 23rd March 6pm at the Church of the Resurrection. Come and see a free screening of the early years of growth for the New Town of Hemel Hempstead and share your memories and refreshments. Free entry but charge for refreshments and raffle.

The Catholic Woman's League, Boxmoor and The Knights of St Columba are jointly hosting a Quiz on Saturday 6th April 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor. There will be a jacket potato with chilli or beans. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets £10 each. Please ring Jane on 249470 to book your tickets.

Churches Together Prayer intention for this week: St Stephen's Church, Chaulden.

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead Lent Groups: The theme is "The Mystery of God" using material prepared by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. Each session will be hosted by a different church. Please see the poster for more details or contact Lymbassett@gmail.com. The first session is on Monday 11th March 13.30pm until 14.30pm and will be held at the Church of the Resurrection. All are welcome to any of the sessions.

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead Spring Ramble will take place on Saturday 16th March at 10am. Meet at Grace Baptist Church, Gadebridge. Walk to Water End and Piccotts End. Approx 4 miles. Walking boots and trekking poles advisable.

Taize service at St John's Church, Boxmoor Sunday 17th March at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Lourdes 2019: The dates are 21st-26th July. 4 star hotel, full board and flights from Luton: £595 per person sharing. This is a very good deal and offers a wonderful time of prayer, friendship and fun! We have only 5 places left so please contact Fr Paul directly in the next 2 weeks.

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.

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.

Forthcoming Funerals

Vera Aspinall RIP: Tuesday 19th March 12 noon at Ss Mary & Joseph.

Eddie Stokes RIP: Friday 22nd March 11am at Ss Mary & Joseph.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

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: Kenute Benn, Marseline Jaquette, Donald Jaquette, Ita Murray, Robert Frampton & Peter Walsh

We pray for the sick: Betty and John Summers, Lily Flores, Jim Fitzgerald, Norma Villanueva & James Newark

Just Giving Sunday: Items for March are: cereal bars and chocolate. For use inside DENS hostel: window cleaner spray and toilet rolls. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

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: Agnes Dinnen, William & Maureen Ricardo, Rosa Ulahannan Kurikunnel & Stephen Gardner

We pray for the Sick: Hugh Cusick, Ted Turvey, Lucinda, Kitty Hampton, Mary Langton & Dan Hahn

Come and help us to celebrate and promote **Fairtrade Fortnight** in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor on **Sunday 10th March after the 8.45am Mass**. There will be a Fairtrade stall with literature and Fairtrade goods. There will be tea/coffee and our scouts will be providing bacon and sausage sandwiches. You can also sample some Fairtrade cakes. Everyone is welcome.

Catholic Women's League, Boxmoor: We will be serving soup on Thursday 14th March, 12.30pm until 2pm in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor.

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, Stacey Berryman, Alex Asbury, Peter Lynch, Nora Watson, Bernard Cronin & Family & Simon de Winter

Catholic Women's League: We will be holding soup lunches every Tuesday during Lent, in Our Lady's church hall from 12.30pm. Come and join our regular guests for homemade soup and crusty bread and good company.

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: Eddie John O'Sullivan, Antonia la Fuente, Vera Collimore, Sally Howes, Lily Dalimore & Margaret Watt

Please pray for the Departed: Geoffrey Gower, Nancy Finnegan, Cecilia Briant, Joan Gaskell, Ken Robertson, James McCloughlin, George McKeever, Arthur Marchant, Cecil Tucker, Jimmy Cash, Hannah O'Farrell, Constance Smallwood, Alan Ong, Stewart Gavigan, Daphne Cornish, Lucy Jones & Steve Ash

CAFOD: During Lent, tea/coffee will be served after Mass and all donations will be going to CAFOD. Please can we have some volunteers to help out. Please sign up on the list.

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 with Evening Prayer, Adoration and Benediction on Sunday 17th March 4.15pm at St Mark's.

Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays 7pm during Lent at St Mark's. All are welcome at our services.

Diocese & Beyond...

Retreat Association icon: The new icon commissioned by the Retreat Association will be on display at All Saints Church, Berkhamsted from 11th until 25th March. Wednesday 13th March 10am until 1pm, Susan Cooke will give an illustrated talk about icons and an opportunity to try your hand at icon painting. Booking is essential via ruth@trevesbrown.me.uk; Monday 18th March 8pm until 9.30pm, Revd Racheal Hawkins will lead a reflection on the bible passage about the Samaritan woman at the well; Saturday 23rd March 10am until 3pm, a reflection on the same story, using the icon, led by Alison MacTier. For details call Ruth Treves Brown on 863268.

Pope Francis writes (Laudato Si): "To blame population growth instead of extreme and selective consumerism by some is one way of refusing to face the issues. A minority believes that it has the right to consume in a way which can never be universalised."

CAFOD Fast Day Prayer

Taste and See

We bless you Lord, and praise you.
Your wonders are ever on our lips.
For we:
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

We share this meal, Lord, and thank you
for this food and all your gifts to us.
As we:
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Open our hearts, Lord, to others
especially those who hunger and hurt.
Together let us:
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Inspire us, Lord, and move us
to reach out in love to those in need
so all people may:
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Amen

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

Mass Times and Intentions this week

(GH) Grovehill, (BM) Ss Mary & Joseph Boxmoor, (SM) St Mark, (OLQ) Our Lady's, (ORD) Ordinariate	
Sat 9 th	5pm (OLQ) Tom Connolly RIP 6pm (BM) Agnes Dinnen RIP
Sun 10 th	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) William & Maureen Ricardo RIP ANNIV 9am (GH) Michael Morrissey RIP 10.15am (SM) Ignatius Keegan RIP 10.30am (OLQ) People of the Parish 11.45am (BM) Rosa Ulahannan Kurikunnel RIP ANNIV 12 Noon (OLQ) Dessree Addison RIP ANNIV
Mon 11 th	10am (OLQ) Richard Frost RIP
Tues 12 th	10am (OLQ) Mary Nash RIP ANNIV
Wed 13 th	10am (BM) 7.45pm (SM/Ordinariate)
Thur 14 th	10am (GH) Michael Morrissey RIP
Fri 15 th	10am (BM) Stephen Gardner RIP 6.30pm (OLQ) An end to Abortion
Sat 16 th	10am (OLQ) Krystyna Majewska INT 5pm (OLQ) Les & Kathleen Bonnor RIP ANNIV 6pm (BM) Phil Fernandes Birthday Thanksgiving
Sun 17 th	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) Angela Allen RIP 9am (GH) Aileen O'Riordan 10.15am (SM) Barry Albert RIP 10.30am (OLQ) People of the Parish 11.45 (BM) The Doyle, Vaudrey & Smith Deceased Families Members 12 Noon (OLQ) Paul Connolly RIP