

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

3rd Sunday of Lent

23rd/24th March 2018



As we enter the third week of Lent, the Gospel echoes the Lenten call to conversion and penance. People are coming to Jesus and asking him to explain why people are suffering, and whether this suffering was indeed an indication of some sort of punishment for sin. Jesus' reply is emphatic, fatal accidents, natural disasters should never be interpreted as punishment for sin.

The parable of the fig tree reminds us how patient God is with us, how he nurtures us with his grace and waits for us to respond, to turn to him and repent. Our Lenten journey is looking at our response to that grace that he pours out on us. Are we turning to Him, are we open to God's grace in our lives? Are we ready to repent?

Part of that process of repentance and conversion is to seek the Lord's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this wonderful sacrament we come in humility and encounter Christ, the one who died on the cross for our sins. Through this encounter we receive absolution as we strive to follow Christ more closely in our daily lives.

For some it has been a while since we last confessed our sins and it can seem daunting to approach the Sacrament as there is anxiety about what words to say, or how to proceed. Be assured you are not alone. The priest will always help you through the process, no matter how long it has been. There are opportunities every week to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and in Lent there are a few extra opportunities. See the list below. Don't be afraid to encounter God's mercy...he is patiently waiting for you!

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Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday 12 noon. Items to:
newsletters@hemelcatholic.org

Boxmoor Office: Shirley Bailey
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Sacrament of Reconciliation opportunities

Weekly Confessions

Boxmoor – 11am-11:30 every Saturday

Our Lady's – 10:30am – 11am every Saturday (except 6th April)

Special Lenten opportunities

5th April – 4:30pm-5:30pm – Our Lady's during First Friday Devotions

5th April – 7:30pm – Penitential Service at Boxmoor

Please remember that the clocks go forward next weekend.

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.

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.

Taize for Lent Friday 12th April: We will meet at **7.30pm** at Ss Mary & Joseph for song, prayer, silence and reflection.

Catholic Women's League, Adeyfield will be holding soup lunches every Tuesday during Lent, in Our Lady's church hall from 12.30pm.

Catholic Women's League, Boxmoor will be providing soup after the Stations on Thursday 28th March and Thursday 11th April. All are welcome. Donations to charity.

Youth Ministry Website Launched: As part of our youth ministry programme we have launched a new website www.hemelcatholicyouth.co.uk. The site contains blogs, videos and information for young people searching to know more about their faith and shows the various ways young people and those who wish to support them can get involved. Contact **Callum Moore Our Leader of Youth Ministry** callummoore@rcdow.org.uk.

Money Matters!

Now that we have merged our parishes it is important for everyone to review how much they give to their parish and how they make their weekly offerings, which pay all the bills incurred in our parish life. It would be most helpful if our parishioners made their offerings by **Standing Order** rather than loose cash and where appropriate to sign a Gift Aid declaration for their giving. Please speak to a Finance committee member at Mass for more information.

It is essential that parishioners at Grovehill and St Marks redirect their current Standing Orders to the new parish accounts at Hemel East and Hemel West respectively. We will write to you with these details.

In response to those who ask how much they are expected to give in the weekly offering, we suggest that 1 hour's pay or at least £10 per week is a reasonable expectation.

We thank you for your ongoing generosity without which we could not provide the ministry and services we want to.

Justice & Peace Group Open Meeting on Climate Change:

Despite the denial in high places, there is a growing and urgent need to save our planet and to find out what we can do locally/individually. Speaker Paul de Hoest from the Green Party, will be in Our Lady's Church Hall Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome to join us.

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. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church. Please ring or sign up for catering purposes.

Churches Together Prayer intention for this week:

St Thomas, Grovehill.

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead Lent Groups:

Please see the poster for more details or contact Lynnbassett@gmail.com. The next session on Monday 25th March, will be hosted by Ss Mary & Joseph church. This will be held in St Joseph's Hall at 1.30pm until 2.30pm.

Pray Hemel: Will be hosted by the Church of the Resurrection on Saturday 6th April. Breakfast at 8am. Worship and prayers at 8.30am. All welcome.

The Bereavement Support Group will be meeting on Thursday 4th April, 1.30pm until 3pm in St Joseph's Hall, Boxmoor.

Confirmation 19: next meeting is on Tuesday at 7pm at JFK hall.

Annie Review: Six pupils from St Cuthbert Mayne are performing excerpts from the Broadway musical "Annie" in aid of the Air Ambulance house charity. They want as many of you as possible to come along and support them on **Saturday 30th March, 4pm** in **St Joseph's Hall** (underneath Ss Mary & Joseph Church). Please give generously, either via the bucket collection on the day or via <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/anniemusical>.

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.

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: Geraldine Treacy, Harry Murray, Ita Murray & Rocky Bham

We pray for the sick: Lily Flores, Diane Mulligan, Doris Hanczaryk, Jim Fitzgerald, James Newark, Betty and John Summers & Lorraine Shardlow

New Offertory Envelopes: Please collect your envelopes from the lobby on your way out. You'll find them in alphabetical order.

Rock & Roll Bingo Saturday 27th April, Grovehill Community Centre in aid of DENS: Doors open at 6pm. Cost is £1 per ticket for entry in advance and then £1 per game card which will be payable on the night. There will be four games of bingo and the evening will also include a raffle. Please bring your own food and drink. Tickets are available after Mass or alternatively these can be purchased on line from: www.djmonty.co.uk/DENS. We look forward to seeing you all there for what should be a fun evening for all the family.

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: Kath Couronne, Monica Watkins & Richard Tyne

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

Catholic Women's League, Boxmoor: We will be serving soup on Thursday 28th March, 12.30pm until 2pm in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor.

Boxmoor Good Neighbours: A scheme to help the elderly in Boxmoor village including transport to medical appointments, companionship and befriending, help around the home, including shopping and gardening, safety and wellbeing checks. For enquiries or to volunteer call 07713 358931.

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, Simon de Winter, Suzy Monvoisin, Bernard Cronin & Family, Charmaine, Patrick O'Donnell, Lorraine Moran & Harry Fitzgibbon

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.

There will be a collection for the Easter flowers next week. Please be as generous as you can.

Missio (Red Box) Holders: Please collect your **spring copy of the Mission Today Magazine** from the Church Entrance Hall. Your collector will be calling in the coming weeks to empty your Red box.

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.

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

Pope Francis writes: "Many professionals live far from the poor, and this can lead to a numbing of conscience. A true ecological approach must hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor".

Prayer for Justice

Oh God, bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts. Bless us with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace. Bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this World, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done. Amen

Mass Times and Intentions this week

(GH) Grovehill, (BM) Ss Mary & Joseph Boxmoor, (SM) St Mark, (OLQ) Our Lady's, (ORD) Ordinariate	
Sat 23 rd	5pm (OLQ) Kevin Heffernan RIP 6pm (BM) Kath Couronne RIP
Sun 24 th	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) Joe Malloy Sick 9am (GH) Norman Monstratt 10.15am (SM) Jimmy Cash RIP 10.30am (OLQ) Mary Chapman RIP 11.45am (BM) Monica Watkins RIP 12 Noon (OLQ) George & Myfanwy Morrison RIP
Mon 25 th	10am (OLQ) Isola Comparini RIP ANNIV
Tues 26 th	10am (OLQ) David Speed RIP
Wed 27 th	10am (BM) Richard Tyne 13 th RIP ANNIV 7.45pm (SM/Ordinariate)
Thur 28 th	10am (GH) Joan & Peter Maguire
Fri 29 th	10am (BM) Sabina Fernandes Thanksgiving 11am (BM) Funeral Service for Kathleen Kelly RIP 6.30pm (OLQ) Harry Fitzgibbon Sick INT
Sat 30 th	10am (OLQ) John Joseph Shotton RIP 5pm (OLQ) Jim & Angela Connolly 60 th Wedding ANNIV 6pm (BM) Bridget Andrews RIP
Sun 31 st	8.45am (SM/Ordinariate) 8.45am (BM) May Wall INT 9am (GH) Geraldine Treacy 10.15am (SM) Constance & Fred Smallwood RIP 10.30am (OLQ) People of the Parish 11.45 (BM) Christina H Sick 12 Noon (OLQ) Mary McMahon RIP ANNIV