

Welcome to ST. MARY & ST. ST. JOSEPH PARISH and Parish Community

If you are new to the Parish you are invited to complete a 'New Parish Records Form', which you will find in the back of the church. (Website: www.boxmoorcatholic.org)

PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS OR ENQUIRIES: If you are interested in using the Centre for an event, party or meeting, please contact the Centre Management Committee on 01442 834640 or 01442 403485.

The Departed:

We ask eternal life in Christ for those who have died recently and whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Eamonn Percival, Gerry Jayasuriya, Mr Quinn, Mariella Clark, George Granahan and Garrv Henrv.

We pray for the sick especially Thomas Andrew Gavin, Geraldine Turner, Tommy Keegan, Patricia Knowles and Kathy Wicks.

If you wish to include a name on the sick list, please let Fr John know. Names will remain for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.

Collection last weekend - Thank you.

The flowers on the main Altar this weekend were donated **in memory of Eamonn Percival** for his 6th Anniversary. May he rest in peace.

Congratulations to all our young people who were confirmed on Tuesday evening.

Friday 6th July – First Friday Adoration during the day.

Mass of Remembrance at Woodwells
Sunday 15th July at 3pm
Annual Memorial Mass for deceased loved ones. All are welcome. Seating will be limited so please bring a chair if possible.
Umbrellas recommended!

Invitation to Young Adults : BrightLights Festival 6th-9th July

BrightLights is a festival for young adults (16-30) - a glimpse of the rich, wide Church where there is something for everyone, and everyone is welcome. The festival is known for its inspirational speakers, challenging workshops, awesome prayer and worship, and amazing music. Speakers this year include Abbot Christopher Jamison, from Worth Abbey, star of BBC 2's *The Monastery*. Seminars and workshops will help you to find the tools and motivation to take your place in the world and the Church. Modern Christian music and popular music is used in our live entertainment each night, and our Liturgy, creating a unique and refreshing atmosphere. Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor will join us on Saturday 7th July for Reconciliation and Bishop Alan Hopes for Mass on Sunday 8th.

Experience a sacred time and space with other young people in the beautiful setting of All Saints' Pastoral Centre, London Colney. For more details and bookings phone 01727 829209 or visit www.brightlights.org.uk. **Quote 'BL Parish Discount' before 3rd July for a 20% discount.**

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you want to know about the Catholic faith? Are you a returning Catholic and want to refresh your understanding of Catholic life? Are you interested in becoming a Catholic and want to explore the teachings and prayer life of the Catholic Church? We invite you to take a form from the back of the Church and return it to Fr John or Sr Teresa. Introductory evening on September 11th.

Bright Lights

Thinking about going to Bright Lights at SPEC, London Colney but cannot make the whole weekend? Venus (youth worker) will be taking a group to Bright Lights on both days Saturday 7th July and Sunday 8th July so if you are interested get in touch with her – 078905 905 85 or email venusgg@rcdow.org.uk A special group rate is available for Hemel. Arrangements for transport will need to be finalised so please let Venus know which day you would like to attend. HIYA adult volunteers also welcome! Venus

PARISH FUN IN THE SUN JUNE 23rd

The heavy showers may have kept a few people away but the Fun Day events all went ahead. The Parish Council would like to thank all who helped make this an enjoyable event. Over £600 was raised towards Parish Funds. A special thanks to those who organised and ran events; Pete West and the Scouts for the BBQ, CWL for delicious afternoon tea and cakes, Venus Garcia-George, Simon Wright and HIYA for youth events, Pat Mulholland and KSC for Bottle Stall, the anonymous donor of 100(!) bottles for the Bottle Stall, Paul Trasler for the Sound System, Janice Varney and Chris Patfield for "Favourite Hymns", Michael Anderson for Turnip competition, Liz Ainslie for the Quiz and Frances Fletcher and her ladies for superb church flower display.

OUTREACH We already have so many ways in which we reach out to welcome and support individuals and groups both within our immediate parish community and outside it: greeting congregation members as they come into Mass, offering hospitality after Mass and on different parish occasions, our Eucharistic ministry in the hospital, spiritual outreach through prayer groups, our contacts with other churches in our area and our support for charitable projects such as DENS. There are many others. It would be useful if the organisers of these different activities could meet say once a year to pool their knowledge, find out if there are any gaps and, if so, how they could be filled. The Parish Council would like someone to co-ordinate the group and act as the contact for any parishioner who might have a good suggestion. Anyone willing? Contact: Ann Dodd.

Barn/Ceilidh Dance Friday 10th August

Parish Hall, Our Lady Queen of All Creation. Proceeds to build a new orphanage in Bosnia Herzegovina. Fish or chicken and chip supper £10 per head. Tickets from Pat Henry. pat.henry1@ntlworld.com. You will love the hauntingly beautiful music so get your friends together for a great night out!