

Welcome to ST. MARY & 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: WE REGRET THAT NO NEW BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE. THIS IS A TEMPORARY SITUATION UNTIL A MANAGER HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

The Departed: We ask eternal life in Christ for those who have died recently and whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Eric Colin, Peggy Tuohy, Michael King, Josephine Elwick, Patrick Flaherty and Gerald Pardue.

We pray for the sick especially Liz Hunter, Ewan Morgan, Mary Wastell, Geoffrey Gower, Mary O' Connor, David Simmons, Tommy Keegan, Rosemary Fawcett and Monica Wilkinson, Fr. Des Cantwell, Brian Cusworth and Jack Bourne.
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: Thank you.

ANNUAL WEEF COLLECTION **THIS WEEKEND**

Requiem Mass for Gerald Pardue
at 9.45am on Thursday 17th April.
(No 12.30 Mass in the Convent)

The retiring collection today is for the Westminster Ecclesiastical Education Fund and the very encouraging news is that more men are now training for the priesthood than at any other time over the last ten years. But what this news also means is that more money will need to be raised as it costs around £50 a day to train a priest. Our prayers for more priests really are being answered and it is now up to us to ensure that there is enough money to cover the cost of their training and our seminary. So could I ask you to give as much as you can afford. If you are a taxpayer, could I also urge you to complete the Gift Aid Form on the back of the envelope as this will add 25p to every £1 that you give at no extra cost to yourself. Thank you.

Planned Giving New boxes of envelopes for 08/09 are ready for collection. If you do not already use envelopes but would like to, there are a number of spare boxes available – if you take one, please ensure you write down the number of the box with your name and address on the sheet provided. Thank you.

Confirmation 2008

Contrary to previous notice, Confirmation Preparation will not start now until **THURSDAY 17TH APRIL**. Venue and time unchanged.
Sessions will therefore be: Thursdays 17th and 24th April, Saturday 26th April.
Saturday will be 10.30am - 12.30am
There will be a couple of other sessions in May and June to make up.

Scavenger Hunt – Sunday 13th April starting at St. Mary & St. Joseph parish Centre trailing through Boxmoor with some great clues and prizes to be won. Be on time to join the hunt from 7.00pm – 9.30pm

Bring-A-Friend Marathon – All you have to do is bring a friend or two, more if you wish, the person to bring the most NEW friends wins a prize. Sunday 20th April from 7pm-9.30pm at St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Parish Centre

Cakes for Table Top Sale
Sunday 20th April St Mary & St Joseph Parish Centre. If you can donate or bake a cake to help raise funds for our World Youth Day pilgrims, please contact Venus on 07890 590585.

Table Top Sale on Sunday 20 April at St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish Centre 8.30am – 1pm, to raise funds for our World Youth Day pilgrims. Refreshments will be on sale. Entrance 20p per adult. Doing a bit of spring cleaning and have good quality items you would like to donate? You can also book a table, for more details contact Venus at 078905 905 85 or email venusgg@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Lucky Draw

I still need many more subscriptions from members before I can make the first draw. I shall be outside Church after each Mass this weekend to collect your cheques for £24. If you do not see me, you may put them in the box at the back of Church. Would new members please put your name and address on the envelope or back of cheque.
Many thanks for your support. Des Lynn.

Mass Led by Young People at Church of Resurrection, Saturday 26th April at 5pm. Would you like to participate in reading the scriptures or bidding prayers, music and offertory procession. Call or text Venus and let her know how you can get involved 078 905 905 85—email venusgg@rcdow.org.uk.

Barn/Ceilidh Dance Saturday 17th May at Our Lady Queen of All Creation

Please come along and enjoy a wonderful live group who provide hauntingly beautiful music. Very clear "calling" and easy to follow dances of all kinds. It will be a FUN FUN FUN evening! Fish or chicken and chip supper included in the £10 ticket. Call Pat Henry on 01442 391087 or e-mail pat.henry1@ntlworld.com to reserve your tickets. All proceeds to the St Joseph & the Helpers charity orphanage projects in Bosnia Herzegovina. See poster in porch.

Parishioner Nicola Henry is running the London Marathon on 15th April in aid of the McMillan cancer nurses.
She can be sponsored at

<http://www.justgiving.com/remember-beebye>