

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: If you are interested in using the Centre for an event, party or meeting, please telephone 07533 965372 or email at hallbookings@boxmoorcatholic.org

THE DEPARTED: We ask eternal life in Christ for those who have died recently and whose anniversaries occur around this time especially: **Rose CLIFFORD, Bella HEGARTY, Ted MIZON, George GARDNER, Leonora DANA O, Catalino BALAGOT, Richard TYNE.**

We pray for **THE SICK** especially: **Geoffrey GOWER, Fr. John TURNER, Sid KEMBER, Nora McARTHUR, Mary LANGTON, John SIMON, Margaret McLOUGHLIN, Mary WASTELL, Paul SMITH.** *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: Sun 22nd MARCH
Thank you for your continued generosity

WHAT'S ON AT HIYA

29th March – **Quiz & Mass prep** @ SS Mary & Joseph parish centre
from 7pm – 9.30pm
2nd April – **Photo Treasure Hunt** @ Marlowes 7pm – 8.30pm
Palm Sunday 5th April – **YOUTH MASS** @ SS Mary & Joseph 6pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Thurs 7.30pm

"BORN FOR THIS"

a dramatic and moving, modern interpretation of the Stations of the Cross will be staged by SPEC and HIYA
at SS Mary & Joseph church on Monday 6th April at 7.30pm
Young people are invited to take part in this event either by joining in the chorus choir, orchestra, drama presentations and dance. Register with Venus 078 905 905 85. SPEC will be sending some of their team to come and work with young people to prepare the chorus choir. On the day of the event SPEC will rehearse the dramas, dance and chorus choir and have a full dress rehearsal.

DURING LENT
ROSARY – after Mass on **WEDNESDAYS**
PRAYER GROUPS – on **WEDNESDAYS** at 10.30am. *See Terry or Lucy for more information.*

EVENING PRAYER BY CANDLELIGHT
FRIDAY 3rd APRIL (at the Convent, 7.30-8.15pm)
All are very welcome!

"BORN FOR THIS" will help us to prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter. *It will be followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our three parishes.*

THE EASTER MARCH OF WITNESS
on Good Friday 10th April 2009
Meet at Civic Centre for 10.45am (procession begins at 11am) for Bandstand service in town centre.
Bring your own crosses and banners.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

We have had an invitation to **an Open meeting at St. Alban and St. Stephen's church (St Albans)**, where they will focus particularly on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults. The meeting will be on **Wed 1st April 7.30-9.30 pm**. Please contact the **Parish Secretary** if you are able to attend.

PASSOVER MEAL in the Parish Centre on **WED 8TH APRIL 7.00PM**
The Passover Meal is a family occasion and children form an integral part of the proceedings, so all are very welcome.
You need to bring: **a baked potato for each person, cooked and wrapped in foil (to keep warm), sufficient wine for 4 toasts, soft drinks/water, cutlery, plates and glasses for each person. Roast lamb is provided.** [You can bring salad and toppings for the potatoes as well – to share with those around you, if you wish.]
Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church.

PRAY HEMEL SAT 4th APRIL is being held for the first time at **St. Benedict's church** (Peascroft Rd, Bennetts End). *Please come at 8am for bacon roll and stay (until about 9.30am,) and pray for God's mission in the world, in our community and in us!*

ACROSS HEMEL 2009 – MAY 1st to 3rd: Please see the notice board at the back of the church for information on the events at Gadebridge Park and visit the website www.acrosshemel.co.uk.
This week we are asking specifically for volunteers to sign up to assist with the Parish's Community action on Sat May 2nd - litter picking, hospitality in the Parish Centre and donations of cakes and biscuits. *We will be available after each of the masses this weekend or contact Margaret Elwick.*

DENS, a charity working for homeless people, HAS THE FOLLOWING VACANCIES:
Day Centre Project Worker; Marketing and Fund Raising Coordinator/Administrator
For more details and to request an application pack contact DENS at: **Bury Lodge, 1 Queensway, Hemel Hempstead HP1 1HT. Tel: 01442 262274. E-mail: office@dens.org.uk; web site: www.DENS.org.uk**
Closing date: 15th April 2009. Interview dates: 23rd & 24th April 2009

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: The boxes of envelopes for 2009/10 are now at the back of the church and ready for you to collect. If you do not see a box there for you, it is because we do not have your name or address. **Please take a box and enter your name and address and box number on the sheet.**
Many of you Gift Aid your donations already, which is a valuable source of income to the Parish. If you pay tax on your income, please take a Gift Aid Declaration form, complete it and return it to Fr John or myself. It is a simple way of increasing your donation without it costing you anything. If you already Gift Aid your donations, but are no longer paying tax, please notify Fr John or myself.
Des Lynn

MEDJUGORJE TRIP: Pat Henry would love to hear from you if you would like to join her for a week in Medjugorje, 31st Aug - 7th Sep. Cost of all travel and half-board in a lovely family home £465. Single supplement £91. Deposit required £80
email: pat.henry1@ntlworld.com

PARISH LUCKY DRAW: The next draw takes place in April, but I should be grateful if members would let me have their subscriptions of £24 in the box at the back of the church or in the collection plate (envelope to be marked Parish Lucky Draw). **New member are welcome, just let me have your address so that I know where to send your winnings.**
Thanks for your support.
Des Lynn

PARISH CENTRE: The floor in the Parish Centre is to be resanded and resealed. **This work will take place from 17th April to 20th April inclusive.** *We will not be able to take bookings during that period.*