

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](http://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](mailto: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: **Ann GARDNER, Patrick HANNON, Anthony LOCKHART, Patrick QUINN, Bridie HANIFIN, Thomas and Allen MORIARTY, Sean BURKE, Thomas PAGE and John CONNOLLY.**

We pray for **THE SICK** especially: **Geoffrey GOWER, Fr. John TURNER, Sid KEMBER, John SIMON, Margaret McLOUGHLIN, Mary WASTELL, Fr. Simon.** *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 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL**  
*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

### WHAT'S ON AT HIYA

**THANK YOU** to all those who participated and helped to make 'Born For This' a heartfelt Holy Week experience for our Hemel parishes. **Well done Sean, Molly, Megan, Charlotte, Catherine, Finola, Emily, Rosie, Chloe, Maria, Cheri, Michelle, Sommy, Bethany, Niall, Jenny, Ciara, Fr John; and from the SPEC team Louise, Alison, Rebecca, Brandon, Nathan, Carrie, Aneka, Hannah, Simon & Eric.**

### JUSTICE AND PEACE / INTERFAITH DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our MP, Mike Penning, has agreed to meet our group to share views on the Israel / Palestine situation.

The meeting will take place on **Tue 26<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish Centre.**

*Members of all churches/ other faiths will be welcome. Further details to follow.*

**HIYA youth groups will next meet as follows:**  
**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Venue Change:** *Thursday group please note that starting 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will meet at the PARISH HALL at Our Lady i.e. the hall at the back of the church.*  
**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> April @ SS Mary & Joseph parish centre, Boxmoor**

**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*

### HEMEL INITIATIVE FOR YOUTH ACTION (HIYA) NEWS

Our youth initiative across Hemel has now been running for just over two years. To celebrate, Venus has produced a **leaflet about HIYA for all parishioners.** If you didn't receive one last weekend, please take one today. There are also separate Summer Programmes for the two groups. You are welcome to take a copy of these to give you some idea of the activities our two groups.

**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.*

### ACROSS HEMEL 2009 - MAY 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>

*A big THANK YOU to all those who signed up to assist with the community activities on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We will contact you all nearer the time. We still require assistance with welcoming, serving and donations of cakes and biscuits.*  
**Please sign the list at the back if you are able to assist.**  
**Contact Margaret Elwick for further information.**

### UNDERSTANDING CAFOD TRAINING DAY **Sat 25th April 2009**

Join us to learn about how CAFOD chooses and works with partners overseas and utilises your valuable donations. Hear first hand experience of CAFOD's work in Latin America from Clare Dixon. This day looks at our inspiration from Catholic Social teaching and why we campaign. It will also give information of how you can support CAFOD through volunteering work in Parishes, Schools, Youth, and through the Media. **For further details or to reserve a place please contact CAFOD on 0208 449 6970 or westminster@cafod.org.uk**

### 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.**

**PARISH LUCKY DRAW:** Please do not forget to let me have your subscription for the monthly draw. I need many more cheques to make it viable. Many thanks to all those who have already paid and for your support. *Des Lynn*

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.

**The next newsletter will be  
25/26 April.**

*Des Lynn*