

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: **Frank KEANE, Margaret GARVIN, Margaret DOWNEY, Mary HAZEL, Ben GALLAGHER and John WILSON.**

We pray for **THE SICK** especially: **Geoffrey GOWER, Fr. John TURNER, Sid KEMBER, John SIMON, Margaret McLOUGHLIN, Mary WASTELL, Fr. Simon and Bernie O'SHEA.** *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 for your continued generosity!*

**WHAT'S ON AT HIYA**

**SUN 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL IS WII NIGHT.** *We will spend the first part of the evening distributing Across Hemel fliers in the neighbourhood and finish off with Wii games at the Parish centre. Start time 7pm at SS Mary & Joseph parish centre, Boxmoor*

**THURS 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** at our new venue – Parish Hall at Our Lady Queen of All Creation, we have **A FUN EVENING OF WII GAMES** planned. **See you at 7pm.**

**ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND**

The annual Westminster Ecclesiastical Education Fund (WEEF) collection takes place **next Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May** and all money that you give will be used to pay for the training of new priests.

*Please take one of the WEEF donation envelopes and give as much as you can afford.*

**CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE,** join us on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May for community action project, **LITTER PICKING ON THE MOOR from 12noon – 2pm.** Young volunteers are also needed to help serve tea and coffees at the Parish centre during this time. *Contact Venus at 078905905 85 or email [venusgg@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:venusgg@rcdow.org.uk).*

**THE NEXT BAPTISM CLASS**

for parents whose babies are to be baptised will be on **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 10am in the Parish Centre** (Boxmoor). *For those wishing to attend please contact Fr John.*

**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.

**RCIA PROGRAMME**

**will continue on Tue 28<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the Convent.**

**ACROSS HEMEL 2009 – MAY 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>**



Details of the events at Gadebridge Park and in our own Parish Community are on the notice at the back of the church. There are also leaflets at the back of the church to give to your friends and neighbours.

You can also use the website [www.acrosshemel.co.uk](http://www.acrosshemel.co.uk) to donate items for the big church giveaway.

*Please support - and invite your friends and neighbours - to the community initiatives in our own Parish:*

**Soup Special (hosted by CWL) - Parish Centre - Fri May 1<sup>st</sup> 12-2pm**

**BBQ (hosted by the scouts) - Church Grounds – Fri May 1<sup>st</sup> 6.30-8.30pm**

**Coffee and Cakes - Parish Centre - Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May 11am-2pm**

*We still require assistance with welcoming, serving and donations of cakes and biscuits for Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Please sign the list or contact Margaret Elwick- email: [accrosshemel@boxmoorcatholic.org](mailto:accrosshemel@boxmoorcatholic.org).*

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SOUP SPECIAL**

**Thurs 30th April 12 - 2pm**

in the Parish Centre (Boxmoor)

*Come along and enjoy a hearty lunch in good company!*

It is not too late to enter a team in the **BIG QUIZ NIGHT on Sat 2nd May in Gadebridge Park.** The prize is £1000 to be donated to the charity of your choice. To enter go to the website at [www.acrosshemel.co.uk](http://www.acrosshemel.co.uk) where you can register a team and get details of other events. *Please bring your friends to the Mission events, it is for everyone not just church people.*

**APF 'RED BOX' SCHEME**

Many thanks to everyone who collects coins for the missions. **We collected just over £900 in March from our 89 red box holders.** *The next collection is in September – if anyone would like information about the scheme or to have a box, please call Bill or Joyce Lear on 07771 703663.*

**Mrs Teresa Arnold,** one of our elderly parishioners, who is disabled and partially sighted, would be grateful to have **CLEANING HELP 2 OR 3 TIMES A WEEK.** *If you can help please contact Mrs. Arnold to discuss arrangements. Thank you.*