

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: *Josephine & Victor Oni, Virginia & Joseph Momah, Michael Jackson, Anthony Canavan.*

**We pray for THE SICK especially:** *Geoffrey Gower, Sid Kember, Bernie O'Shea, Rio Tarbox, Fr John Turner, John McDonagh, Anne Phillips.*

*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 12<sup>th</sup> July**

*Thank you very much for your continued generosity!*

**WHAT'S ON AT HIYA**

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> July – BBQ @ SS Mary & Joseph Parish centre 7pm-9.30pm:** bring along your friends for this end of term treat.

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> July – PAINTBALLING (note date change!)** 9.15am – 4pm, Bourne End – Places limited so book by Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July.

**FIRST COMMUNION 2009/10**

Enrolment forms are available at the back of the church for those parents wishing to register their child for the **First Communion preparation classes which start in September.** *Please read the accompanying notes carefully!*

**Enrolment forms are due back by 26th July. If you have any questions phone Frances.**

**HIYA OPEN PARISHES MEETING**

All are invited to a **HIYA Open Parishes meeting on Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 7.30pm – 9.15pm at Our Lady Queen of All Creation church** hall with guest speaker, Judi Shimmell, Director of Youth Services, Hallam Diocese.

*Be a part of this important gathering to discuss how our Hemel parishes can continue to meet the needs of young people in the community.*

**CONFIRMATION 2009/10**

There will be a **meeting on Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre** to discuss the way forward for Confirmation at St Mary and St Joseph.

We hope to run a programme for our younger parishioners starting before Christmas. However, **this will not go ahead unless there are sufficient numbers of adults willing to assist with the programme.**

If you are a parent of a young person who is thinking about being confirmed or an adult who would like to get involved with helping our young people on their journey of faith, please come along and chat about how we proceed from here. **The meeting will last max. one hour. If you have any queries or comments, please ring Jane.**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** The next Baptism Preparation course will be on **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am in the Parish Centre (Boxmoor).**

**LITTLE CHURCH:** We are looking for more people to help us with the **Children's Liturgy at the 11.30 Family Mass on Sundays.**

*We are ourselves parents of young Children, we are not School Teachers.*

Parents of grown up Children as well as Parents of young Children and also Grandmothers would be a wonderful addition and be a great benefit to the Children and the team. You will not be required to conduct the Little Church on your own or attend every week, but it is vital, if Little Church is to continue, that we expand the team.

Please speak to one of us on the phone, or email if you think you would like to get involved.

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**MINUTES OF THE OPEN PARISH MEETING,**

which took place on the 12<sup>th</sup> July regarding three parishes presbytery project, are available at the back of the church. *Please take a copy to read and be aware of its financial and other implications.*

**A VACANCY AT JOHN F KENNEDY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

We are urgently looking for **Duty Officer/s** who will be responsible for opening up the school facilities for lettings, and ensuring the premises are secure afterwards.

Hours: 1800-2300 Monday to Fridays; 0830-1315 Saturdays. Even if you can only do one evening this would be a huge help.

**Further details of the job outline can be obtained from Sarah Bennett (Facilities Development and Lettings Manager) on 07595 082551.**

**AUGUST NEWS!**

There will be two news sheets during August this year – on the **9<sup>th</sup> August** and the **23<sup>rd</sup> August** (i.e. once per fortnight). Items need to be emailed as usual by the **previous Wednesday.** Any written items should be left at the back of the church (marked 'newsletter') NOT put through the presbytery letterbox.

It is hoped that the introduction of these August editions will enable parishioners to circulate news during this period. **Do make use of the opportunity! (If you have any queries contact Ann).**

*"I would like to say THANK YOU to the parishioners for their kindness on my birthday and for the cards and gifts. It was lovely but made me feel very humble really." Fr Frank*