

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: *Mary Gardner, Ted Mizon, Dermott Philpott, Maureen King, Elizabeth McGeever.*

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

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 19th July

Thank you very much for your continued generosity!

MISSION APPEAL: Thank you!

Comboni Missionaries, Fr Pat and Fr Denis Wilkinsons, who made the Mission Appeal in our parishes last weekend, *wish to thank everyone for your generosity. They collected £1801.87 across the three parishes.* This money will be used to assist missionary work in Malawi.

WHAT'S ON AT HIYA

There will be no HIYA activities during the August summer holidays. HIYA resumes on Thurs 10th September for the 11+ group and Sun 13th September for the 14+ group.

HIYA OPEN MEETING FOR ALL PARISHES

All are invited to a HIYA Open meeting on Tues 22nd 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.

FIRST COMMUNION 2009/10

This Sunday, 26th July, is the last day for returning enrolment forms for the First Communion preparation classes which start in September. *If you haven't done it yet, please do so.*

APPEAL FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to help our children to prepare for their First Holy Communion, **please come to the Meeting For New Volunteers and Catechists on Tues 22nd September in the Parish Centre at 8pm.**

Parent's meeting is on 29th September in the Parish Centre at 8pm.

YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZE 8-16

AUGUST 2009 (Limited places available)

Join Bishop John Arnold and young adults (18-30s) from around the Diocese on pilgrimage to this unique Christian community. Have a 'Holiday' with a Difference!

Book now to avoid disappointment!! Only a few places left. Cost: £220. Contact Dave Burke, tel: 020 7798 9357, Email: davidburke@rcdow.org.uk Web: www.taizepilgrimage.wordpress.com

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next Baptism Preparation course for parents who wish their children to be baptised will be on Sat 5th September at 10.00am in the Parish Centre (Boxmoor).

BEREAVEMENT CARERS GROUP

A social group is being formed for people who have experienced bereavement. *The group will meet on the second Thursday of the month. The first meeting will be on Thurs 10th September at 2pm to 3.30pm in the Convent. Refreshments will be provided. Do please come and join us.*

AUGUST NEWS!

There will be two newssheets during August this year – on the 9th August and the 23rd 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 this opportunity! (If you have any queries contact Ann on 267869).**

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

Quiz Night in The Parish Centre on Sat 26th September In Aid of The Hospice of St Francis and The New Presbytery organised by The Knights of St Columba. *More details will be given nearer the time.*

PARISH LUCKY DRAW

The winners in the JUNE DRAW were:

First Prize £40 to No 29 Anthony Parisi
Second prize £20 No. 123 Michael McCallum

The winners in JULY are:

First prize No 32 Peggy West
Second prize No 79 Des Lynn

Many thanks for your support.

Read your next newsletter on Sun 9th August! Send us your news to share with others!