

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: *Tom Keegan, Doreen Heatley, Jozef & Anne Franek, Maureen King, Pat Miles, Christine Moriarty, Ted Moriarty, Ellen & Con Casey, Bernard Varney, Sadie Quigley, Iean Finhow. Brian McGovern.*

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

Thank you very much for your continued generosity!

REQUIEM MASS

Thurs 13th Aug 1pm for Patrick SAHY
(this Mass is said in Latin, there will be no 12.30 Mass)

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).

COME & SEE

Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic? Or someone who is thinking about it? Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith? Do you want to find out what Catholics believe?

If so, please come along to our **Come & See Evening on TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15th at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre.**
There are no strings - just come for a cup of tea and a chat. Enquiries - ring Jane

THE ANNUAL PARISH OPEN AIR MASS

will be at **10:30am on Sun 20th September** in the Convent grounds. *There will be no 9:00am or 11:30am Masses in Boxmoor that day.*

FIRST COMMUNION 2009/10: 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 Sept in the Parish Centre at 8pm.**

SACRISTAN HELP NEEDED

Terry & Lucy are looking for helpers willing to learn about the work in the sacristy for the 11.30 Mass. This is time-consuming work preparing for the Mass, looking after the altar servers, preparing for baptisms, clearing up afterwards and generally helping the services to run smoothly. **See Terry or Lucy if you would like to talk about it.**

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.*

THREE PARISHES WEBSITES- UPDATE

Excellent progress has been made in updating and incorporating our existing website into a new 'family' of websites for the three parishes. There will be an overall master site, along with one for each parish, and these will have links to each other as well as to various external organisations e.g. the diocese, schools.

Co-ordinators, responsible for the website content, for Grovehill/Highfield and St Mark's parishes have kindly volunteered. Ann Dodd has agreed to remain the St Mary and St Joseph coordinator. Deacon Simon Wright will coordinate the master site (the overall site having items common to all three parishes). John Elwick extends his current boxmoorcatholic.org webmaster role to that of webmaster for all four websites.

We expect the first phase of the three parishes website to 'Go Live' by the end of September 2009 with further additions by the year-end.

We hope you will find the new websites interesting, helpful and user friendly and your feedback on all aspects will be welcomed.

Geoff Doyle, Project Leader

HIYA

HIYA resumes on Thurs 10th September for the 11+ group and Sun 13th September for the 14+ group.

HIYA Autumn Programme will be available from 6th September

HIYA OPEN MEETING FOR ALL PARISHES

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

CHARITY GROUP PREPARES FOR GHANA

Hemel Hempstead Based Registered Medical Charity, **Motec Life - UK** is preparing for another October working visit to Ghana. *The organization promotes education, transfer of skills and direct health care services especially specialised services to patients who would otherwise have little hope of receiving treatment for their disabling medical conditions.*

As part of the preparation, the Charity has organised a **fund raising Dinner Dance on the 3rd of October in the Parish Centre (Boxmoor) with live music.** *Funds raised will support 16 travelling volunteers, deliver a container of medical donations, provide training to the local health workforce and support club foot treatment project. Details will be advertised on the Parish Notice Board in the next few weeks. For more information about the charity please visit: www.moteclife.co.uk or email: POAHGATE@aol.com*