

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 Austin & Tess Cameron, Nigel Berry, Nicky O'Neill and Walter Prince.

We pray for THE SICK especially: *John Percival, Geoffrey Gower, Sid Kember, Rio Tarbox,, Anne Phillips, Sheila McMahon, Terry O' Brien, Sheila Mulhearn, Nora McArdle, Maureen & Barry Albert, Eunice Holden, Fr John Turner, Mark Turner, Valerie Powell and Tina Fitzgibbon.*
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.

The Catholic Women's League Christmas Raffle: Tickets on sale now at £1.00 a strip. Two prizes: **One Christmas Hamper for Adults** and one for **Children**. All proceeds to CWL funds

APF-Mill Hill 'Red Box' scheme

Many thanks to our **88 box holders** (and to the **15 collectors** who help gather coins) for their generous donations to the missions. This year we have raised **£1,931.26**, up 13% over 2008.
If your family does not have a Red Box, please contact Bill Lear on bill@blear.plus.com

African Evening 19th December, Parish Centre

Please note this event is also a party to celebrate Father Gregory's time with us so please book your places by ringing Ian 01442 408302 or e mailing valsoares@aol.com . See posters.

Sung Evening Prayer at St Mary and St. Joseph

All welcome to Evening Prayer by candlelight for Advent on Fridays 11th and 18th December - 7.30 p m ó 8.15 p m.

Advent Reflections - All very welcome

To prepare for Christmas, there will be two more sessions in St Mark's Church when we can reflect and pray about the readings and traditions of Advent and the coming of Jesus.

They will take place on **Thursdays 7.30 p m-8.15 p m.** and the topics will be:

Thursday 10th December	John the Baptist
Thursday 17th December	Mary, Mother of God

Repentance & Redemption - Two Advent Reflections by Fr John Farrell OP

An ideal opportunity for Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers and Catechists from all parishes to spend some time in reflection and preparation for Christmas. There will be time for discussion of themes.

HIYA Notices

Sunday, 6th December - another great round of **board games** like Pictionary at SS Mary & Joseph Parish Centre at **7 p m.**

Thursday, 10th December - it's Ready, Steady Cook with a Christmas theme at Our Lady Parish Hall, 7.00 p m - 8.30 p m for Yr 7 & Yr 8 group

Thursday, 17th December - Christmas Party at Our Lady Queen of All Creation Parish Hall

Sunday 13th December: 4.00 p m - 6.00 p m in the SS Mary & Joseph Parish Centre. **Queries:** ring Jane.

Pray Hemel 2010 – dates for 2010

- 2nd Jan** - St Paul's, Highfield
- 6th Feb** - Carey Baptist Church
- 6th Mar** - Hemel Hempstead Methodist Church
- 3rd Apr** - St John's, Boxmoor
- 1st May** - Prayer walk - Grove Hill Shops. Meet outside hairdressers at 8.30 - no breakfast
- 5th Jun** - St Mary's - Old Town
- 3rd Jul** - St Stephen's, Long Chaulden
- 7th Aug** - Prayer picnic on the Moor next to St John's Church, Boxmoor. Bring something to sit on and your own breakfast.
- 4th Sep** - St Barnabas
- 2nd Oct** - Grovehill Church
- 6th Nov** - St Mary's, Apsley
- 4th Dec** - Holy Trinity, Leverstock Green

Day of inspiration for Catholics working with Young People - Feb 27th 2010, London

Come and hear some of the finest speakers in the world share their wisdom and knowledge about working with young people. **Bob and Maggie McCarty** are at the forefront of Youth Ministry in America, and they will be joined by well known **Dominican author and speaker Fr Tim Radcliffe, Abbot Christopher Jamison** (from the BBC series, *The Monastery*), and **Archbishop Vincent Nichols.**
<http://www.cymfed.org/congress.html>.

Tickets £12.50 if booked by December 18th - then £14. **Contact: David Burke** <http://www.rcdow.org.uk/youth/> 020 7798 9357