

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)

<p>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</p>	
<p>THE DEPARTED: We ask eternal life in Christ for those who have died recently and whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Tess & Austin Cameron, Sarah Barrett, Margaret Garvin, Walter Prince, Frances Little, Francis O'Donoghue, John & Josephine King.</p>	
<p>We pray for THE SICK especially: <i>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, Tina Robinson and Thomas Westhorpe.</i> To include a name on the sick list, please let Fr John know. Names will remain for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.</p>	
<p>COLLECTION: Thank you.</p>	<p>The Catholic Women's League Christmas Raffle: Tickets on sale now</p>
<p>The book sale last week-end raised £85 for the Building Fund. Thank you for your support. Still some bargains to be had in St Joseph's hall after the 9 a m mass today. Bill & Joyce Lear.</p>	<p>African Evening 19th December, Parish Centre - Please note this event is also a party to celebrate Father Gregory's time with us. Phone Ian 01442 408302 or e mail valsoares@aol.com . See posters.</p>
<p>Children's Christmas Liturgy Christmas Eve 6.00pm This service is very popular and usually very crowded. The Parish Council have been increasingly concerned about the Health and Safety issues surrounding the numbers of people in a very small space. Accordingly, and in consultation with Fr. John, it has been agreed that this year numbers will be strictly limited. When the church is full, people will be asked to go to St. Joseph's Hall where the service will be relayed. Holy Communion will be brought down at the appropriate time. Please consider carefully if you need to be at this service which is primarily for families with <u>young</u> children.</p>	<p>CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT. Mon 21st Dec at 7.30pm at St Mary & St Joseph. Please join us to sing carols and reflect on the Christmas Story. There will be mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre to follow. Donations of mince pies gratefully received! Also Sung Prayer on Friday, 18th Dec, 7.30 - 8.15 p m.</p>
<p>JFK - Ted Baker Fashion Show on Friday, 18th December at 7.45 p m Funding students to Lourdes to assist with the sick and disabled. Tickets £8.00 from Paula email: paula@paulawatkins.co.uk</p>	<p>Advent Reflections at St Mark's. Last session on Mary, Mother of God, on Thursday 17th December, 7.30 p m - 8.15 p m.</p>
<p>Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single, widowed, separated and divorced Catholics of all ages (18+) to meet, either one to one or through social events. All members receive a monthly bulletin, called Catholic Networking. For more information please call 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk. We have raised over £32,000 for charities & parishes over the last 9 years,</p>	<p>HIYA Notices Congratulations to Ciaran, Lewis, Sean, Sam, Dom, Shane, Tom, Andrew, Jared, Mark, Tom, Sean, Brittany, Emma, Gabrielle, Milly and Nathan and leaders Jenny & Katya - well done for sleeping out last Friday in really cold and rainy conditions to raise money for Dacorun Emergency Night Shelter. Please support our fundraisers by giving generously during the Christmas holidays. Sunday 13th December - Tournament action - table tennis, pool and much more - great prizes to be won - Parish C 7 - 9.30 p m. Thursday 17th December - it's our end of year Xmas Karaoke Party - bring a Secret Santa gift (max value £1) to exchange. Party kicks off at 7.00 p m at Our Lady Queen of All Creation. Sunday 20th December -we're having an Xmas party and you're invited to bring your friends along for some festive fun - SS Mary & Joseph Parish Centre from 7.00 p m – 9.30 p m</p>
<p>Day of inspiration for Catholics working with Young People - Feb 27th 2010, London Bob and Maggie McCarty are at the forefront of Youth Ministry in America Also Dominican author and speaker Fr Tim Radcliffe, Abbot Christopher Jamison and Archbishop Vincent Nichols. http://www.cymfed.org/congress.html. Tickets £12.50 if booked by December 18th. Contact: David Burke on 020 7798 9357 http://www.rcdow.org.uk/youth/ -</p>	<p>Repentance & Redemption - Two Advent Reflections by Fr John Farrell OP - TODAY - Sunday 13th December, 4.00 to 6.00 p m.</p>
<p>Requiem Mass: Fri, 18th Dec at 12.30 p m for Agnes Marie Porter.</p>	<p>NEW PRESBYTERY PLANS Calling All Parishioners! As you know, plans have been submitted to build a new presbytery as the building has been condemned. Fr John will move to the convent early in January. The Sisters have also kindly given us space for a temporary office. A lot of work needs to be done to manage the move and we will need to store equipment and furniture for about a year.</p>
<p>Question: Can you help in any way? i e removal and storage of some of the furniture and equipment or join a working party to clear the house, office etc. Contact Geoff Doyle on doyle_geoff@yahoo.co.uk or 01442 265827.</p>	