

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 Gerry Jayasuriya, Douglas Hunter, Debbie Fox, George & Daphne Smales and Lily Baxter.

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, Tina Robinson, Virginia Dean, Thomas Westhorpe and Mary Quinn. 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 CWL Christmas Raffle - Tickets for hampers on sale now.

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.
Therefore, it has been agreed that this year numbers will be 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 young children.**

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. Mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre to follow. Donations of mince pies gratefully received!*

New Year's Eve Evening Prayer, carols and rosary around the crib from 11 p m followed by Mass at midnight to welcome the New Year. **Contact: Terry 07933761808**

HIYA Notices

End of year Xmas party, Sund 20th Dec. Bring a gift for secret santa, max value £1. Party time 7 - 9.30 p m at Parish Centre
The BIG Hemel WYD Reunion Mass & Celebration on Sun 3rd Jan at SS Mary & Joseph Boxmoor - Mass will be at 6 p m and then celebrations @ the Fishery. See you there!!! For more info or to find out what you can do at the mass text Venus on 07890590585 or email venusgg@rcdow.org.uk
HIYA will be on Christmas break from 21st Dec to 4th Jan'10. Thurs group will return 7th Jan & Sungroup will 10th Jan. We wish you a very happy & holy Christmas and New Year.

Tuesday 29th December - Requiem Mass for Lily Baxter at 10.00 a m.

CONFESSIONS: Thurs 24th Dec from 11 a m to 12 noon at St. Mary & St. Joseph, Boxmoor.

St Mary & Joseph, Boxmoor
Thursday: 24th December Christmas Eve

The Knights of St. Columba announce the **Blessing of the Crib in the Marlowes** at 2.30 p m today and wish all Parishioners a Happy and Holy Christmas. The Crib is now located at the M & S end of the Marlowes.

Family Mass: 6.00 p m (for families with young children)
Carols: 11.30 p m followed by **Midnight Mass**

PARISH LUCKY DRAW. The winners in the Christmas Draw are: **1st Prize £200** No. 12 - Mrs Val Hilson. **2nd Prize £50** No 144 = Mrs Barbara Redman.

Friday: 25th December Christmas Day
Masses: 9.00 a m
 11.30 a m

There is no evening Mass

Saturday: 26th December
Mass: 10.30 a m

Sunday: 27th December
Masses 9.00 a m, 11.30 a m & 6.00 p m

Monday 28th December
Mass 10.00 a m

Wednesday 30th December
Mass 9.30 a m

Thursday 31st December
Mass 12.30 p m

Friday 1st January
Mass 12 noon

FREE: Computer Courses from Dacorum Communities For Learning
 6 week courses for beginners, Internet & Email, MS Word & Excel.
 Small classes of 8. **Starts w/c 4th Jan.** Contact DCFI on 01442 251930
 Courses held in Gadebridge, Grovehill, Highfield, Warners End & Tring.

Christmas Greetings from the Boxmoor CWL! We would like to thank everyone who has supported us through the year in our various events. Father John did the draw for the Christmas Hampers and the winners are 1st Prize Mrs Joan Hulley, 2nd Prize Mrs. Una Furlong. All proceeds, as usual will go to charity. **Next Soup Special Thu 28th Jan 10.**

NEW PRESBYTERY PLANS - If anyone has space for storage of equipment and furniture for about a year whilst the new presbytery is being built please contact Geoff Doyle on doyle_geoff@yahoo.co.uk or 01442 265827. Many thanks.