

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](http://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](mailto: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 & Paddy McNulty, Martin Purdy, Cathy Cole, Geraldine Turner, Dermot Philpott, Margaret Donnelly, Arran Baillie-Wood, Jimmy French, Lily Baxter and Fr John Turner.

**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, 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.

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](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk). We have raised over £32,000 for charities & parishes over the last 9 years

**Tues 29th Dec** - Requiem Mass for Lily Baxter at 10.00 a.m.

**Fr Gregory**

At Fr Gregory's presentation last Saturday evening, he thanked everyone for their friendship, support and kindness during his time here in Hemel Hempstead. He said it was an experience he will never forget.

**Geoff Doyle** from Boxmoor Parish Council, **Jim Furlong** from Grovehill and Highfield PC & **Kevin Carney** from St. Mark's PC presented **Fr Gregory with a gift on behalf of each parish**. It was good to see so many of Fr. Gregory's friends who came from different parts of London and Milton Keynes. Fr Gregory said everyone would be welcome to come to Ghana. **We thank him for his contribution during his time with us and wish him every success in his new appointment in Ghana.**

**Newman Association:** Fr. Dermot Fenlon of Birmingham Oratory will give a talk on Newman and the Conscience of the State in **St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish Centre on Tuesday 12th January 2010 at 8.00pm**. The talk will be followed by discussion and questions. **All are invited and admission is free.**

**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 DCFL on 01442 251930. Courses held in Gadebridge, Grovehill, Highfield, Warners End & Tring.

**Sounds great - start booking!**

**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**

From all at HIYA, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and holy New Year.

**The BIG Hemel Hempstead WYD Reunion Mass & Celebration will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at SS Mary & Joseph Boxmoor** Mass will be at 6.00 p m and followed by celebrations @ the Fishery for a good old catch-up. See you there!!! For more information or to find out what you can do at the mass, text Venus on 07890590585 or email [venusgg@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:venusgg@rcdow.org.uk)

**HIYA will be on Christmas break from 21<sup>st</sup> December to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010-**

Thursday group will return 7<sup>th</sup> Jan & Sunday group will start 10<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**Pray Hemel 2010 - dates for 2010 - Changes in Red!**

2<sup>nd</sup> Jan - St Paul's, Highfield

6<sup>th</sup> Feb - **St Stephen's, Long Chaulden**

6<sup>th</sup> Mar - Hemel Hempstead Methodist Church

3<sup>rd</sup> Apr - St John's, Boxmoor

1<sup>st</sup> May - Prayer walk - Grove Hill Shops. Meet outside hairdressers at 8.30 - no breakfast

5<sup>th</sup> Jun - St Mary's - Old Town

3<sup>rd</sup> Jul - **Carey Baptist**

7<sup>th</sup> Aug - Prayer picnic on the Moor next to St John's Church, Boxmoor. Bring something to sit on and your own breakfast.

4<sup>th</sup> Sep - St Barnabas

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct - Grovehill Church

6<sup>th</sup> Nov - St Mary's, Apsley

4<sup>th</sup> Dec - Holy Trinity, Leverstock Green

**Christmas Week at St Mary & St Joseph**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

Mass 10.00 a m (**change**)

**Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> December** 10.00 a m Requiem Mass

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December**

Mass 9.30 a m

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

Mass 12.30 p m

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

Mass 12 noon (**change**)

**NEW PRESBYTERY PLANS** - Thank you for the offers made so far. If you would like to help in any way please contact Geoff Doyle on [doyle\\_geoff@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:doyle_geoff@yahoo.co.uk) or 01442 265827. Many thanks.