

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 George Xavier, John Doyle and Vivienne Parish.

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, Jason Whelan and Thomas Westhorpe. **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 for your generosity.

The next Interfaith event will be a **Holocaust Memorial Service at St Mary's, Apsley on 31st January at 6.30 p m.**

ALL E-MAIL NEWSLETTER ITEMS FOR THE 3 PARISHES MUST BE SENT TO FR. JOHN AT pp@boxmoorcatholic.org INDICATING WHICH PARISH/PARISHES THE ITEM IS FOR.

HIYA Notices

Sunday 17th Jan is Games Night - all young people are welcome to bring a friend along. We meet from 7.00 p m - 9.30 p m at St Mary & Joseph Parish Centre in Boxmoor.

Thursday 21st January is a night of **DRAMA**. Get ready to role play and act out your part at Our Lady Parish hall from 7.00 p m - 8.30 p m. Join us.

A reminder to hand in your **sponsorship monies from DENS Sleep-out** to Venus; please contact her to make arrangements.

Parish Lunch JFK: at 1.00 on Sun, 24th Jan. Please join Fr Gregory on his last weekend with us. **Choice of Turkey, Chicken, Vegetarian or Chicken Curry.** Adults £6.00, Senior Citizens and children £3.00. Bring your own drinks - cups will be provided. E mail valsoares@aol.com. Raffle, bingo and quizzes - proceeds to HIYA for Lourdes trip and parish funds.

We are looking for **male HIYA volunteers** to help out at both Sunday and Thursday youth groups. If you can commit to a couple of hours weekly, fortnightly or monthly, you can make a difference in a young person's life. Give Venus a call 07890590585 or email venusgg@rcdow.org.uk

An **Ecumenical Evening Service** is being held to mark the Week Of Prayer for Christian Unity on **Tuesday 19th January 2010 at 8:00 p m** at St John's Church, Bourne End. Our guest speaker is Fr John Farrell, who is **Prior Provincial of the Dominicans** in the UK. This is a unique opportunity to hear one of the leading Roman Catholic teachers and preachers in the country'.

Evening Prayer St Mary & St Joseph Church 7.30 p m
Sung Evening Prayer by Candlelight on the following dates:
Friday 29th January
Friday 26th February
Friday 26th March. All welcome.

Serving the Irish Community: Do you know any Irish person who is elderly, lonely or suffering from deteriorating health? **The London Irish Centre** can help! Should you ever require any information about social and welfare services, advice, advocacy and support services please contact **Jeff Moore** on **0207 916 2222** or www.irishcentre.org.

Confirmation 2010:

Confirmation sessions recommence on **SATURDAY 23rd JANUARY** at St. Cuthbert Mayne School at 10.00 a m. **All candidates need to attend.** Please inform the Catechists if you are unable to come.

Requiem Mass: Thursday 21st for **Mary Wilkins** at 11.00 a m at St. Mary & St. Joseph. (There will be no 12.30 p m Mass that day)

Monday 18th January: First Day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: This week has now become part of the prayer life of the Church. For 2010, the Vatican and the World Council of Churches have chosen the theme, 'You Are Witnesses to These Things' and have set chapter 24 of the Gospel according to Luke as the source for daily reflection. These reflections provide themes for each day of the Octave:

TODAY IS PEACE SUNDAY - retiring collection.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Our next meeting will be on **TUESDAY 19th JANUARY at 8.00 P M** in **ST.JOSEPH'S HALL**

- Day 1:** Praising the One who gives us the gift of life & resurrection
- Day 2:** Knowing how to share the story of our faith with others
- Day 3:** Recognising that God is at work in our lives
- Day 4:** Giving thanks for the faith we have received
- Day 5:** Confessing Christ's victory over all suffering
- Day 6:** Seeking always to be more faithful to the word of God
- Day 7:** Growing in faith, hope and love
- Day 8:** Offering hospitality and knowing how to receive it when it is offered to us

Baptism Preparation: The next baptism preparation class will be held on **Sat, 6th Feb at 10.00 a m** in **St. Joseph's Hall** (under the Church). For any further details please contact Fr John.

Due to the bad weather the telephone engineers were unable to re-connect the main parish telephone line until late on Monday. You can always **contact me on my mobile number: 07879058732**. Many thanks. Fr. John

Date for your diary – Valentine's Celebration!

13th February: 7.30 ó 11.00 p m: **Everly Brothers Tribute** at Our Lady Queen of All Creation. £12.50 per head including fish, chicken or vegetarian and chip supper. Enquiries: Pat Henry.