

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))**

<p><b>PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS OR ENQUIRIES:</b> If you are interested in using the Centre for an event, party or meeting, please telephone 07533 965372 or email at <a href="mailto:hallbookings@boxmoorcatholic.org">hallbookings@boxmoorcatholic.org</a></p>	
<p><b>THE DEPARTED:</b> We ask eternal life in Christ for those who have died recently and whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Elizabeth Nicholson, Malcolm Kingsnorth, David Tschaikowsky, Ben Jeacock and Ron Smith.</p>	<p><b>We pray for THE SICK especially:</b> John Percival, Valerie Powell, Tina Robinson, Yvonne Jeacock, Eric Chapman, Thomas Westhorpe, baby William Hamilton, Geoffrey Gower, Bernard Grainger, Peggy West, babies Leo &amp; Brodie Rattray, John Tansey, Mrs Julie Murphy, Maureen &amp; Barry Albert, Eunice Holden, Mrs Philomena Kelly and Adam Bailey.  <b>To include a name on the sick list, please let Fr John know. Names will remain for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.</b></p>
<p><b>Collection:</b> Thank you.</p>	
<p><b>Stations of the Cross</b> will once again be said in this Parish every Thursday evening during Lent at 7.30 p.m. Come and spend a short while pondering Our Lord's Sacred Passion.</p>	<p><b>Evening Prayer</b> St Mary &amp; St Joseph Church at 7.30 p.m.  Sung Evening Prayer by Candlelight on the following dates:  Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February  Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. All welcome.</p>
<p><b>Newsletter:</b> With effect from week commencing 14th March, all newsletter items must be in by mid-day Wednesday INDICATING WHICH PARISH/PARISHES THE ITEM IS FOR. Thank you for your co-operation. <a href="mailto:pp@boxmoorcatholic.org">pp@boxmoorcatholic.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>Marriage Preparation Course for engaged couples</b> on Saturday, 27th Feb, 9.45 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. at St. Mary &amp; St. Joseph Parish Centre, Boxmoor. Please telephone Fr John for further details.</p>
<p><b>Fairtrade Fortnight</b> - 22nd Feb - 7th Mar  <b>Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon on Saturday 27th Feb. at Carey Baptist Church, Marlowes - Traidcraft Stall, Palestinian Crafts</b> including handmade soap, embroidery, glassware, pottery and wooden items. Also almonds and spices!</p>	<p><b>Parish Lucky Draw by Des Lynn</b>  The winners in this month's draw are:  <b>First Prize £40</b> to No 59 - Mrs Ann Kember.  <b>Second Prize £20</b> to No 63 - Mr. Tony McHugh.  The last draw in this session will take place in March. It is then proposed to introduce a new draw, with better prize money, starting in April. A notice explaining this will appear soon, and it is hoped that more parishioners will become members.</p>
<p><b>Serving the Irish Community</b>  Do you know any Irish person who is elderly, lonely or suffering from deteriorating health? <b>The London Irish Centre</b> can help! Please contact <b>Jeff Moore on 0207 916 2222.</b></p>	<p><b>Today at 4.00 p.m.</b>  The Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi, Glenview Road, Boxmoor invite us to join them in a holy hour and reflection as they discern the future as individuals and as a parish.  <b>ALL ARE WELCOME AS WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN PRAYER.</b></p>
<p><b>Bereavement Carer Service:</b> If you have experienced bereavement and would like more information about this service please contact Fr John on 07930 263432 or Fr Voytek on 259141.</p>	<p><b>HIYA Notices</b>  <b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> - Back in action at Our Lady parish hall from 7 - 8.30 p.m.  <b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> - Bring your graphic designs and Wii equipment for fun evening at SS Mary &amp; Joseph Parish Centre from 7 - 8.30 p.m.  <b>Male HIYA volunteers needed</b> to help out at Thursday youth group. 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 <a href="mailto:venusgg@rccdow.org.uk">venusgg@rccdow.org.uk</a></p>
<p><b>DENS have a vacancy</b> for a new Day Centre Manager and Support Worker (Night Shelter) - contact 01442 262274, or e-mail <a href="mailto:irene.porteous@dens.org.uk">irene.porteous@dens.org.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>CAFOD Family Fast Day</b> next Friday 26th February - envelopes are available at the back of the Church for collection next Sunday</p>	<p><b>Diary Note.</b> The Knights of St Columba will be holding a <b>Quiz Night in the Parish Centre on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b> at 7.45 for 8 p.m. in aid of the new Presbytery. Tickets @ £7.50 include a Ploughman's Supper and will be on sale after all Masses.</p>
<p><b>St Mary &amp; St Joseph:</b> Rosary after 9.30 a.m. Mass on Fridays during lent and on Tuesday evening after the 7.15 p.m. communion service. Charismatic prayer group on Wednesdays at 10.30 a.m. in Parish Centre.</p>	<p><b>Thank you</b> for coming to the Everly Brothers Valentine Celebration. We raised £900 for the children of Bosnia Herzegovina. Pat Henry.</p>
<p><b>Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony</b>  A Mass for couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries at Westminster Cathedral, - Sat, 22nd May 2010 at 3.00 p.m. <b>The Archbishop</b> will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their <b>10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th+</b> wedding anniversaries of Catholic marriage in 2010.  <b>If you qualify, please email or give Fr. John the following details:</b> husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or phone number, if no email) as soon as possible.  <b>Deadline - 28th February!</b></p>	<p><b>The Rosary</b>  will be recited at <b>St. Mark's Church</b> at 6.40 p.m. (before the 7.00 p.m. Mass) beginning Tuesday, 23rd February.  <b>ALL ARE WELCOME.</b></p>
	<p><b>BAPTISM PREPARATION</b>  The next Baptism Preparation Course will be held on <b>Saturday, 6th March at 10.00 a.m.</b> in St. Joseph's Hall (under the Church).  <b>Please contact Fr. John for details.</b></p>