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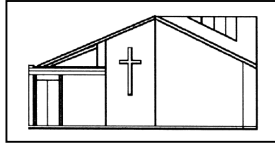
ST. MARK'S

GROVEHILL AND HIGHFIELD

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

1st MARCH 2009

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. Joseph Boxmoor

Sun 9am
11.30am
6pm

Mon 9.30am

Wed 9.30am

Thurs 12.30pm

Fri 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(confession):
Sat 11am – 11.30am

St. Mark's

Hollybush Lane

Sat 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sun 10.30am

Tue 7pm

Wed 1.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(confession) –
before evening Mass

Church of the Resurrection

Highfield & Grovehill

Sat 5pm (Vigil)

Sun 9.30am

Mon 7.30pm

Tue 9.30am

Fri 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession) –
after morning Mass

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

DEADLINE IS
WEDNESDAY



TIME OF CHANGE

If I wish to change the outer
aspects of my life I must first
change the inner attitudes
of my mind.

The miracle of inner changes is possible. History and literature are full of examples.

Change requires the substituting of new habits for old ones. It calls for self-discipline. I have to command myself and make myself do what needs to be done.

The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all through the power of solitude - prayer, reflection and meditation.

Dear Jesus, each spring you renew the face of the earth.

May you also renew each of us so that we may be able to celebrate Easter in newness of mind and heart.

Rending our garments lets in nothing but the cold.

But rending our hearts lets out our fears

and lets in the clear air of God's spring.

Thomas MERTON

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First reading Genesis 9:8-15

God makes a covenant with Noah that includes all humanity forever. God's only desire for us is that true fullness of life intended in creation which human sin still frustrates.

Second reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

Through Jesus' death and resurrection a new covenant has been made, one that frees even those who died in the flood in Noah's time. Our baptism is the sign that we are part of that new covenant.

Gospel Mark 1:9-15

The 40 days before Easter were originally celebrated as the final preparation of newly converted candidates for baptism. It tested whether or not they could live in a disciplined, Christ-like way. For us, as for Jesus during his testing in the wilderness, Lent can be a time for checking the real priorities of our lives.