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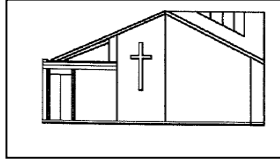
ST. MARK'S

GROVEHILL AND HIGHFIELD

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

15th 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*



It's **time**
to **pray**

TIME OF PRAYER

As a man is, so he prays. We make ourselves
what we are by the way we address God.

Prayer is inspired by God in the depth of our own nothingness. It is the movement of trust, of gratitude, of adoration, or of sorrow that places us before God, seeing both Him and ourselves in the light of its infinite truth and moves us to ask Him for mercy, the spiritual strength, the material help that we all need.

All true prayer somehow confesses our absolute dependence on the Lord of life and death. It is therefore a deep and vital contact with Him whom we know not only as Lord but as Father.

It is when we pray truly we know His infinite mercy in Jesus, and we know the meaning of the fact that we are weak, indeed have a Saviour, Jesus His Son.

We enter thus into a great mystery which cannot be explained but only experienced.

Thomas Merton

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Over 100 children from our parishes are preparing for the First Holy Communion. We remember them in our prayers that they will receive Jesus in the Eucharist willingly and joyfully.

The Confirmation group in Grovehill has a large number of young people. We pray that they become good leaders in our Church and be always open to the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Over 20 adults are preparing to be baptised, received into the Church and confirmed at Easter. May the Holy Spirit teach and inspire them.

On Saturday 14th March a large number of engaged couples completed the pre-marriage course. May they continue to grow in love for each other.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First reading Exodus 20:1-17

For the Christian, the commandments of the Jewish Scriptures are the first word, not the last word – the beginning of the Christian life, not its totality. Keeping the commandments is the foundation upon which a life of Christian love, which goes beyond mere laws, is to be built.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul's remedy for worldly wisdom is simply to disregard the pretensions of philosophical arguments, and to call for a patterning of one's life after the cross – self-giving unto the total emptiness of death. This is foolishness in the eyes of those whose motto is "Look out for Number One," but is the only true wisdom in the eyes of God.

Gospel John 2:13-25

In Christ the sinful stranglehold of materialism would be broken, and the new life of God's true temple would be built up. We see Jesus as the fulfilment of creation leading creation into the new dimension of the resurrection.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

DEADLINE IS

WEDNESDAY