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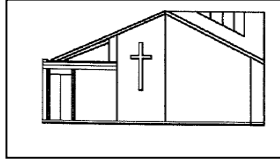
ST. MARK'S

GROVEHILL AND HIGHFIELD

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

26th APRIL 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



THE WOUNDS OF LOVE

This Easter large crowds attended Mass in our parishes. It was wonderful to see so many young people, families, and people of all ages worshipping the Risen Jesus together in a quiet joy and a deep sense of peace, knowing that life is stronger than death.

Jesus uses the breaking of bread to open the minds of the two disciples travelling to Emmaus. Today he uses his wounds to dispel the doubts of others. In his wounds they recognise Jesus. They were, of course, not any old wounds. They are wounds the world inflicts on those who love God above all else. They are wounds of those who proclaim God's truth even when it threatens powerful vested interests. They are wounds of those who live for others more than for themselves. They are wounds of those who don't count the cost.

Jesus didn't hide his wounds because they were proof of his love. He invited the apostles to touch those wounds. It is by touching and being touched that they were healed of their unbelief. His wounds give us hope in our wounds.

Jesus didn't become embittered because of his wounds. Neither should we. We carry them with us in life, but they carry us into eternity.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

Peter explains the events of the Jewish Scriptures in the light of their fulfilment in Jesus, and then calls on the people to reform their lives in order to be able to accept God's forgiveness.

Second reading 1 John 2:1-5

The real benefits of faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, are clearly stated in this passage. Believers are regarded as the children of God who at Christ's second coming will be like him. Those who do not believe do not share kinship with Christ and fellowship with God. A life of sin and the life with Christ are totally incompatible.

Gospel Luke 24:35-48

When Jesus appears to this assembled body of apostles, they are at first incredulous about the fact of the resurrection (a "ghost"). He proves the bodily nature of his presence by touch and by eating food, but that is only the beginning. He opens their minds to an understanding of the meaning of the resurrection through the Jewish Scriptures, and then ends them forth to preach and witness to this new life ("forgiveness of sins").

NEWSLETTER ITEMS
DEADLINE IS
WEDNESDAY