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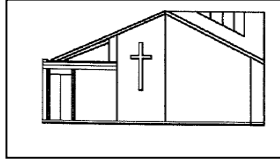
**ST. MARK'S**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 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)

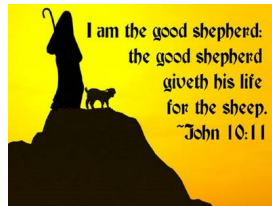
Sun 9.30am

Mon 7.30pm

Tue 9.30am

Fri 9.30am

*Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(Confession) –  
after morning Mass*



**A GREATER LOVE CANNOT  
BE IMAGINED**

“I am the good shepherd. And I know my sheep” (that is, I love them) “and my sheep know me.” Now that you have heard of the test I must undergo, consider how these words of the Lord imply a test of your own. Ask yourselves if you are his sheep, if you know him, if you recognise the light of the truth. What I mean is that you recognize it not simply by faith but by love. I mean, you recognize it not just by belief but also by action.

“My sheep follow me, and I give them eternal life.” So the sheep find the Lord's pastures; for anyone who follows him with an undivided heart is nourished in a pasture which is forever green. What are the pastures of these sheep if they are not the deepest joys of the everlasting fresh pastures of paradise? For the pasture of the saints is to see God face to face; when the vision of God never fails, the soul receives its fill of the food of life for ever.

And so, let us seek these pastures and there join in the joy and the celebrations of so many citizens of heaven. Let their happiness and rejoicing be an invitation to us. Let our hearts grow warm, let our faith be rekindled, let our desires for heavenly things grow warm; for to love like this is to be on the way.

No misfortune should distract us from this happiness and deep joy; for if anyone is anxious to reach a destination, the roughness of the road will not make him change his mind. The charms of prosperity must not lead us astray; for only a foolish traveller, when he sees pleasant fields on his way, forgets to go on towards his destination.  
*St Gregory Great*

**INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

***First reading Acts 4:8-12***

This time Peter declares the fact and the power of Christ's resurrection before the same council of religious leaders who had condemned Jesus to death. As in Jesus' own healing miracles, to be fully healed meant to be brought into a right relationship with God through faith. Thus healing and salvation were one and the same.

***Second reading 1 John 3:1-2***

We are called to recognize the full dignity of what we are now, and live accordingly, for that is the seed of what we will become.

***Gospel John 10:11-18***

God is frequently depicted as a shepherd throughout the Old Testament. The great king David had been a shepherd, and is referred to as shepherd of the people. Later leaders were often corrupt and called unfaithful shepherds by the prophets who gave voice to God's promise that he would shepherd his people himself. Jesus simply takes this imagery of God as shepherd and shows himself to be the fulfilment of its prophetic promise.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

**DEADLINE IS  
WEDNESDAY**