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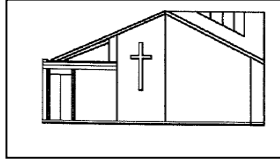
ST. MARK'S

GROVEHILL AND HIGHFIELD

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17th 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*

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

**DEADLINE IS
WEDNESDAY**

LOVING AND SAFEGUARDING



In the readings today we hear about both the imperative and the obligations of love. Jesus makes it very clear that as God loves us so we must show love to others.

But how do we put that into practice particularly when we minister to children and vulnerable adults?

The Church must be a community in which all people know they can experience God's love in an atmosphere of right relationships. Therefore the work of safeguarding people has to be seen within the overall mission of the Church: otherwise safeguarding tends to become burdensome when it should be life affirming.

Our diocese has very clear policies and procedures for safeguarding, so that all involved in Church ministry – both the helpers and those who need help – are kept safe. These policies have recently been updated and extended; in particular they now include safeguarding of vulnerable people as well as children.

It is imperative that all ministers of Holy Communion, catechists, adult altar servers, befrienders, home visitors, little church helpers, first Holy Communion, confirmation or RCIA helpers, in fact all parish volunteers, or if you are interested in volunteering, who come into contact with children, young people or adults in vulnerable situations, receive this latest information.

So you are cordially requested to come, either to the session on Saturday morning 30th May at 10:00 am at St Mary & St Joseph's parish centre or on the following Wednesday evening 3rd June at 7:30pm at St Mark's.

We take the issue of safeguarding very seriously so we ask for your prayers for a successful and well attended meeting.

Deacon Simon

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First reading Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

God himself demonstrates that he is not partial to any "chosen few." By his gift of the Spirit independent of the decision of the apostles, he forces them to recognize in act the basic equality of all peoples in the face of God's love and call.

Second reading 1 John 4:7-10

Our motive for loving one another is not to hope to gain God's favour. We love because he has already loved us without our meriting it and without preconditions.

Gospel John 15:9-17

The most profound spiritual activity is love, which seeks full union with the beloved. The test of love is obedience. Jesus himself has done this, conforming himself as the Son of God to us by becoming a man, and as a human being, conforming himself to the will of the Father. He now commands that we do this with one another. Love brings forth joy. Love can be joyful only when it is fully free. A forced sacrifice or submission is no sacrifice or gift at all.