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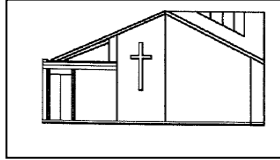
ST. MARK'S

GROVEHILL AND HIGHFIELD

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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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



ABOVE ALL THE HOSTS OF HEAVEN TO THE THRONE OF GOD THE FATHER

While at Easter it was the Lord's resurrection, which was the cause of our joy, our present rejoicing is on account of his ascension into heaven. With all due solemnity we are commemorating that day on which our poor human nature was carried up in Christ above all the hosts of heaven, above all the ranks of angels, beyond the highest heavenly powers to the very throne of God the Father.

It was in order that we might be capable of such blessedness that on the fortieth day after his resurrection, after he had made careful provision for everything concerning the preaching of the gospel and the mysteries of the new covenant, our Lord Jesus Christ was taken up to heaven before the eyes of his disciples, and so his bodily presence among them came to an end.

From that time onward he was to remain at the Father's right hand until the completion of the period ordained by God for the Church's children to increase and multiply, after which, in the same body with which he ascended, he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

And so our Redeemer's visible presence has passed into the sacraments. Our faith is nobler and stronger because sight has been replaced by a doctrine whose authority is accepted by believing hearts, enlightened from on high.

Leo the Great

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First reading Acts 1:1-11

The disciples received their final marching orders: they would be empowered to witness to the ends of the earth to what they had seen and heard. They also received the promise that Jesus would come again.

Second reading Ephesians 1:17-23

Using the traditional Hebrew "berakah" or prayer of blessing as his model, the apostle presents his majestic vision of humanity in God's universal plan of salvation. Through the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ all things in heaven and earth have been brought under the reign of God's sovereign love.

Gospel Mark 16:15-20

The final act of revelation accomplished, the disciples are sent forth to preach this good news to the whole of creation. His personal earthly ministry has finished: this ministry now becomes the expression of the Church, His Body, to all the ends of the earth. The final act of his glorification is his being taken up into Heaven.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

**DEADLINE IS
WEDNESDAY**