

Parish Priest: Fr. John Byrne

Fr. Voytek Przyjalkowski

ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH

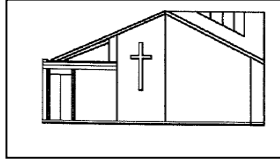
ST. MARK'S

GROVEHILL AND HIGHFIELD

These Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Westminster. Registered charity No: 233699



St. John's Road, Boxmoor



Hollybush Lane,
(Back of JFK School)



Church of the Resurrection
(Henry Wells Square)

186 St. John's Road, Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP1 1NR
Tel. & Fax: (01442) 391759 : Mobile: 07879058732
e-mail: Fr. John: pp@boxmoorcatholic.org
Deacon Simon Wright: Mobile: 07711 846554: email: simon@symtech.ltd.uk
Fr. Gregory: (on sabbatical) Mobile 07930 263432
Youth Worker: Venus Garcia-George: Mobile: 07890590585

299 St. Agnell's Lane, Grovehill HP2 6EQ
Tel (01442) 259141
e-mail: (for newsletter items) pp@boxmoorcatholic.org

Hospital Chaplain: Mrs. Lynn Bassett: Tel: 01727 897254

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

12th JULY 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*

THREE PARISHES PRESBYTERY PROJECT

We are blessed with three parishes, each with their parish councils and finance committees. The celebrations of the liturgies are special and unique to each parish, along with many programmes and activities. They are in the fullest sense Eucharistic communities – faith communities, inspired by Gospel values.

It is especially gratifying when resources and expertise are shared, when all come together to express and nourish a deep communion of love in the service of God and one another. The Holy Spirit continually gives to the Church all the gifts that are needed for our mission in the world.

In Hemel Hempstead we have outstanding schools with very supportive parents and families. There is a full time Youth Worker, Venus, who has developed a very strong youth ministry across the parishes. Last year ours was the largest group of young people attending World Youth Day in Sydney. Each year over 100 children prepare for First Holy Communion.

Many of our adult parishioners are actively involved in the life of the community. House Masses are regularly arranged for the sick and housebound.

Our Presbytery Project will add even greater focus to the continuing growth of Catholic life and influence in Hemel Hempstead and has the full support of the three Parish Councils and the Finance Committees and Westminster Diocese.

I invite you to come along to THE THREE PARISHES OPEN MEETING in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor at 2.15pm this Sunday, 12th July, to hear more and understand the financial and other implications.

Today we hear Amos and the twelve Apostles called to preach God's message. We too are called to witness to the Gospel and be co-workers with Christ in Hemel Hempstead and this project is about the future of our parishes for generations to come.

Fr. John

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

***First reading* Amos 7:12-15**

For Amaziah Amos was an unwelcome uneducated foreigner from a poor neighbouring state who declaimed words of judgement from God for the evildoers of Israel. No wonder Amaziah wanted rid of him. Amos' justification was simple. God had called him and so he must speak.

***Second reading* Ephesians 1:3-14**

Jesus Christ is the central figure of this passage, as he was for all of Paul's teaching. It lifts up Christ's pre-existence, his role in God's plan of salvation, his continuing presence, and the believer's response to all this through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

***Gospel* Mark 6:7-13**

Jesus sends out his disciples to preach repentance. They are to live a simple life (without a spare tunic!). This simplicity of life, having only what is needful, is a powerful sign of the message of God's love and of the call to conversion that the disciples preach.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

**DEADLINE IS
WEDNESDAY**