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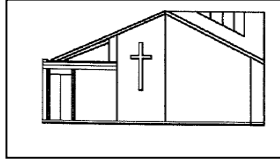
**ST. MARK'S**

**GROVEHILL AND HIGHFIELD**

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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 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**

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**Highfield & Grovehill**

Sat 5pm (Vigil)

Sun 9.30am

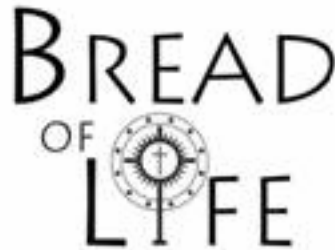
Mon 7.30pm

Tue 9.30am

Fri 9.30am

*Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(Confession) –*

*after morning Mass*



**GOD PROVIDES**

How did God feel when Elijah, someone he had chosen specifically to be a prophet, became totally dejected and just wanted to die?

How must Jesus have felt, when on giving the people the fantastic Good News that He had come to give them eternal life, all the people can do is complain to each other?

How does the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, feel when voluntary suicide is promoted and abortion is commonplace?

We do not know how God feels, how can we? But we do know what God does. God sends an angel to Elijah to encourage him and food to sustain him so that he can continue.

Jesus does not lose His temper, nor raises His voice nor become spiteful, rather He gives the people, and us, His very self for the life of the world.

The Holy Spirit does not hold a grudge against those who promote anti-life actions, rather the Holy Spirit seeks their reconciliation.

Lord when I complain or become dejected, or just want to die, help me to seek reconciliation, encourage me by your Word and sustain me with the Bread of Life.

*Deacon Simon*

**INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

***First reading* 1 Kings 19:4-8**

Elijah has reached a crisis in his career: the opposition of King Ahab had driven him to flee. In his despondency, he requests that he might die, but he is supernaturally provided with food to sustain him on the journey to Horeb, the mountain of God.

***Second reading* Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2**

Christians are to forgive one another because Christ has forgiven them, and they are to walk in love because Christ loves them with a love that expresses itself in sacrificial terms.

***Gospel* John 6:41-51**

Jesus finally tells his followers exactly what this 'Bread of Life' is: His flesh. This is the great paradox of the Eucharist: it is through giving up his body in death that Christ becomes the bread of life. The bread of life is not just given, like the manna in the desert, but given up.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

**DEADLINE IS**

**WEDNESDAY**