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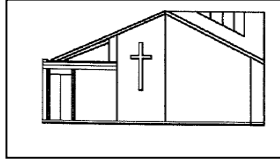
ST. MARK'S

GROVEHILL AND HIGHFIELD

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25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

20TH SEPTEMBER 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*

Who is the greatest?

The boxer Mohamed Ali knew exactly who was the greatest, "I am the greatest" was his catch phrase and when it comes to boxing I think most would agree.

But how do we decide who is the greatest boxer, or the greatest ballerina or the greatest entrepreneur? Isn't it easy? We simply quantify each person's worth and the person of most worth is the greatest. Unfortunately it's not that simple because worth, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. People value different things.

But couldn't we use the same method we use to find the worth of an item. A house or a car is easy to value; it is worth whatever someone is prepared to pay for it.

But that sort of thinking got us into the recent financial problems. Banks were buying and selling debt, the value of the debts increased beyond their worth and when the debts were called in or were defaulted upon this overvaluation suddenly became apparent.

Unfortunately all the above is based upon human reasoning and, as we heard in last week's gospel, God does not reason like we do.

God sees the worth of each and every one of us, no matter who we are, what we look like, what we have achieved or how old we are. And the Father is prepared to pay whatever it costs, even the life of His only Son, in order to gain for us our freedom.

Let us pray that when we are tempted to see ourselves as better than others, let us remember the words we say each week just before we receive the sacred body and blood of our Lord, Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Deacon Simon

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

**DEADLINE IS
WEDNESDAY**