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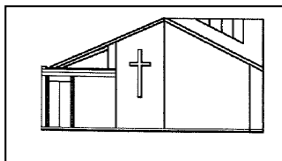
**ST. MARK'S**

**GROVEHILL AND HIGHFIELD**

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**St John's Road, Boxmoor**



**Hollybush Lane**

(Back of JFK School)



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**27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 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**

**OCTOBER – MONTH OF MISSIONS**  
**ST. THÉRÈSE – PATRON SAINT OF MISSIONS**



St. Thérèse was born Thérèse Martin on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1873 in Aleçon, France, to her parents Zélie and Louis Martin.

Her mother died when she was four years old and so her sister, Pauline, became like a mother to her until Pauline entered the Carmelite convent when Thérèse was nine years old. These losses contributed to the several bouts of illness that Thérèse suffered from throughout her life.

On Christmas Eve, 1884 Thérèse felt a complete conversion of spirit, leading to her feeling called to become a Carmelite nun. She was initially denied entry as she was so young, but eventually was admitted into the Carmelite convent on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1888.

Thérèse loved nature and used flowers to describe the Kingdom of God, as a result she is often referred to as the "Little Flower". She described her approach to spirituality as the "Little Way", emphasising that there was no need for "great deeds" but that small acts of faith and kindness were what mattered.

Suffering was a major part of Thérèse's life. She suffered from many periods of inner darkness, during which she was sustained by her deep faith and belief that her suffering allowed her to imitate Jesus. Her poor health eventually caused her death from tuberculosis on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1897 when she was 24. St. Thérèse has inspired millions of people worldwide through her simple approach to spirituality and youthful devotion to God.

In 1925, 28 years after her death, Thérèse was canonised by Pope Pius XI. She has been proclaimed Patroness of Missions and in 1997 was declared a Doctor of the Church (one of only three women so named). Her feast day is 1<sup>st</sup> October.

A number of events will be taking place in the Carmelite Church in Kensington to prepare for the visit of the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October: Carmelite Church, Kensington  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at Westminster Cathedral

For details visit website: [www.rcdow.org.uk/therese](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/therese) for full programme