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ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH

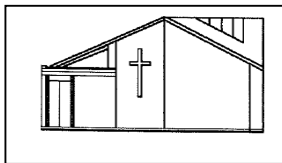
ST. MARK'S

GROVEHILL AND HIGHFIELD

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(Back of JFK School)



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30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

25TH 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

St Therese of Lisieux

OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS'

THOUGHTS.....

On Wednesday 14th October, a small group from Hemel visited Westminster Cathedral to participate in the young people's evening liturgy in honour of St Therese. Not knowing what to expect and with some being sceptical about relics, the evening turned out to be an experience we'll never forget. When the service started with the hymn, 'Be Thou my vision', we were immediately overwhelmed as thousands of young voices echoed around the Cathedral. And as the liturgy progressed with gospel readings and the writings of St Therese we learned that "the real meaning of relics is that they are a sign, a token of the holy life of this much-loved saint. They are God's way of opening our hearts to his unwavering love."

At the end of the service, we all turned to the centre of the cathedral where the relics lay in a gold encrusted casket, for the closing lityny (*a form of responsory prayer which involved a number of petitions*). We were so moved and felt empowered as we witnessed an incredible outpouring of faith and expressions of love as pilgrims honoured this saint with prayers, gifts of flowers and other acts of reverence. We left feeling that there was a real presence of holiness.

Joanna & Aileen

St. Therese's life has an exceptional value in today's world for everyone, especially the young. Her "Little Way" teaches us to do the ordinary things of life with extraordinary love. She also teaches us that God is everywhere - in every situation and person - in the ordinary, simple details of life, and that Jesus is the power for love and goodness operating within us. As we listen to today's Gospel, let us pray for our spiritual sight to be restored so that like Bartimaeus we can reach out in faith to "see" what God has in store for us in the 'simple details of life.'

Venus