

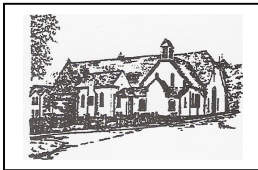
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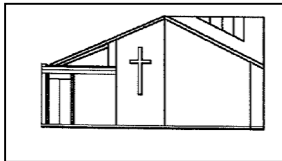
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6TH DECEMBER 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*

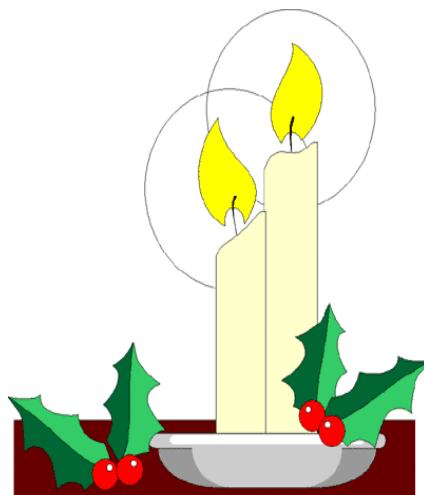
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Highfield & Grovehill

Sat 5pm (Vigil)
Sun 9.30am
Mon 7.30pm
Tue 9.30am
Fri 9.30am

*Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession) –
after morning Mass*

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS
DEADLINE IS
WEDNESDAY**



*Mercy and faithfulness have met,
justice and peace have embraced.*

One of the finest Rock Musicals of the 1970's is 'Godspel' meaning good tidings. The curtain opens with the spotlight on a lone figure ringing out his one-liner 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord'. The oddly dressed prophet brings his clear invitation to a rousing crescendo. It's a perfect Advent anthem quarried out of a sure knowledge of Isaiah's comforting clarion call of some 800 years earlier.

Today's opening Advent Prayer begs God to 'open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy'. John the Baptist says it's time to clear all obstructions to his entry into your heart so that you 'become one with him when he comes'.

It is difficult to imagine the salvation of God, but it could bring about reconciliation between parted friends, restore broken relationships, ease the pain of hurts, breakdown barriers of mistrust and rekindle lost loves.

The baptism of John involved repentance, voluntary acts of penance, and a symbolic washing with water as reparation for sin. More was needed and John prepared the way for someone coming coming with baptism of the Holy Spirit. The wonder of God's loving kindness at Christmas will be appreciated most of all by those who acknowledge our need of a Saviour in a penitential Advent.