

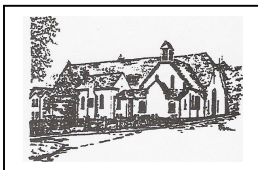
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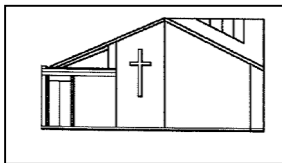
ST. MARK'S

GROVEHILL AND HIGHFIELD

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

13TH 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

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



It is Gaudete Sunday, when joy at the nearness of the Saviour is the dominant mood. We pray in the words of Mary's psalm. Mary's prayer belongs to the day of her visitation to Elizabeth, the joyful meeting of two people filled with God's Spirit. The divine secret growing in the womb of Mary can be openly celebrated with Elizabeth who recognises Mary as the Mother of the Lord. The joy of the Lord's presence caused John the Baptist to dance in his mother's womb.

From the depths of Mary's soul wells up her canticle of praise:

*My soul glorifies the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.*

She sees herself as a nothingness made blessed by God's Spirit; an emptiness made fruitful with God's word.

In our dark and empty experiences let us see in Mary a sign of what God's grace has done before and will do again. Rejoice, for the Lord is near, penitential Advent.