Ss Mary & Joseph & St Mark

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30 August 2026

SMSJ: *Ss Mary & Joseph, St John's Road, Boxmoor, HP1 1NR*
SM: *St Mark, John F Kennedy School, Hollybush Lane, HP12PH*

AUG - SEPT	MASS INTENTION
Sat 29 August	*The Passion of Saint John the Baptist*
(SMSJ) 8am	Adoration & Confessions
(SMSJ) 9am	Mass
(SMSJ) 4-4.45pm	Confessions
(SMSJ) 5pm	Vigil Mass Vicky Greggory (RIP)
Sun 30 August	**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(SMSJ) 7.30am	Holy Hour of Adoration
(SMSJ) 8.30am	Mass
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass Patricia Hales (RIP)
	Ben Combes will be confirmed during
(SM) 11.30am	Mass People of the Parish
Mon 31 Aug	*Feria*
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass
Tue 1 Sept	*Feria*
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass Care of Creation
(SMSJ) 6pm	Mass
Wed 2 Sept	*Feria*
(SMSJ) 7.30am	Mass Matthew and Frances Speer (Int)
(SMSJ) 9am	Holy Hour of Adoration
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass
Thurs 3 Sept	*ST GREGORY THE GREAT, P & Dr*
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass Richard and Emily Allington (Int)
1.30pm	***BINGO in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor***
7.30pm	***CWL in St Joseph's Hall***
Fri 4 Sept	*St Cuthbert, Bishop*
(SMSJ) 9am	Holy Hour of Adoration
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass Private Intention
Saturday 5 Sept	*St Teresa of Calcutta, V*
(SMSJ) 8am	Adoration & Confession
(SMSJ) 9am	Mass
11am-3pm	***Art and Prayer Workshop - Parish Centre***
(SMSJ) 4-4.45pm	Confessions
(SMSJ) 5pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 6 Sept	**23rd Sunday in Ordinary time**
SMSJ) 7.30am	Holy Hour of Adoration
(SMSJ) 8.30am	Mass
(SMSJ) 10am	*Mass*
(SM) 11.30am	Mass People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
Saturday 8am-8.45am & 4pm-4.45pm at SS Mary & Joseph Church

THE SICK: Paula Moore, John Ranch, Margaret Marchant, Tommy McLoughlin, Chrissie Ward, Juliet Edgar, Peter & Rose Gray, Andrew Cooper, David Turner, Andy Swift, David O'Mahoney, Rosie Fletcher, Lucy Chapman, Ellen Brett, Susana, Fr Dennis Opoku, Sabina Xavier, Jacqueline Austin, Merril Delaney, Marie Anthony, Terry Pearson, Mary Alcock, Louie Reidy
THE DEPARTED: Anna Carmichael - Funeral Mass Thurs 24 Sept 1100

ART & PRAYER: A SIMPLE PRAYER BOOK: Saturday 5 September, 11am until 3pm. This is day of art and prayer. All are welcome. Donation towards materials would be appreciated. For more details contact Paula Watkins at paula@paulawatkins.co.uk

MARCH FOR LIFE : **Saturday 5 September.** For more information go to www.marchforlife.co.uk or call Isabel on 07773 501721. There are also leaflets available in the church porch with more details.

MARY, CAUSE OF OUR JOY, DIOCESAN DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 19 September. £20 per seat. Departing at 7.30am, we will return at 9pm. Bring your own packed lunch. To book please use the QR code or click here and select 'Pilgrimage to Walsingham' to make your payment. ***Closing date: Sunday 8 September.***

NEW CATHOLICS: CONTINUING THE JOURNEY 'LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD': Saturday 19 September, 10am until 1pm, Vaughan House, Westminster.

LITTLE CHURCH Courtney Kinsell has offered to co-ordinate Little Church for **5-7year olds**, hopefully starting in October. Parents will also be needed to help. DBS checks will be needed.

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION for times and **pre-registration meeting 24 Sept.** *See webpage for details.*

CONFIRMATION 2027 for year 9s / 14 year olds+ : Wednesday evenings 6-7.15pm in St Jospeh's Hall – *dates to be decided*

RCIA (Adult Formation in the Catholic Faith) TUESDAYS (not Wednesdays) **7-8.30pm -** *see webpage for dates.*

MISSIO/RED BOX: Please leave your Red Box at the back of the church for counting during September. Contact Janice Varney on 07847167969 or Vanda at St Marks for further information. Thank you.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 2 October. Envelopes will be available.

SAFEGUARDING: Our Safeguarding Representatives are reminding all parents and guardians, that children must ***not*** use the toilets on their own during Mass. If your child is in year 6 or below, they must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

SERVERS: Parents, please note that children cannot be alone with one adult in preparation for Mass. Please bring your children to church 15 minutes before Mass begins and help them find a robe that fits so that they are ready 5 minutes before Mass to pray**.**

OPPOSE THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: Please sign a petition online or take a postcard and send to our MP.

WOMEN'S FAITH GATHERING: Monday 24 August, 6pm St Joseph's hall.
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Thursday 3 September, 7.30pm **All welcome!**
HEART TO HEART ST CARLO ACUTIS MISSION FROM ASSISI 14-18 September in our Schools and Churches. *See webpage or take a leaflet.*

"I am the food of the mature: grow, then, and you shall eat me. You will not change me into yourself like bodily food; but you will be changed into me." *St Augustine of Hippo - from his Confessions*