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Third Sunday of the Year 21st January 2007

Today we hear about the unrolling of two scrolls. For the Israelites, the scroll that contained the law of the Lord was unrolled and read. The people bowed down in sadness as they came to realise that they had not lived lives in accordance with God's law. In the Gospel Jesus opens the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, announcing that its prophecy has been fulfilled in him. As the sacred word is proclaimed today - as our scroll that is our scriptures is unrolled - let us welcome words that call us to greater union with Christ Jesus.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

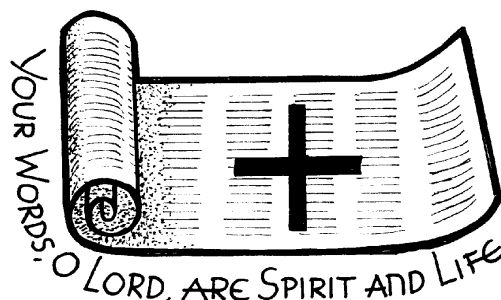
Psalm 18

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring Good News
to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives.
Alleluia!



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look up at the Lord with gladness and smile; your face will never be ashamed.

My dear Parishioners and Visitors,

WELCOME I extend a very warm welcome to everyone. If you have recently moved into the parish, or have started coming to Mass here, please do introduce yourselves to me or Father Joe after Mass.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday	22nd St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
Wednesday	24th St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor
Thursday	25th Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
Friday	26th SS Timothy and Titus, Bishops

FRANK MEENAN R.I.P. It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Frank Meenan R.I.P. Frank was for many years one of our regular gardeners, he collected the offertory at the 6pm Mass, helped count and bank the money and up until a few months ago was our parish hall cleaner. We offer our sincere sympathy to his family, he will be sadly missed. May he rest in peace. We will let you know funeral details when we have them.

KATHLEEN COMER R.I.P. Kathleen Comer R.I.P. died peacefully on 14th January at Ashview Nursing Home, Widford, Ware. Late of Welwyn Garden City Kathleen was housekeeper at St. Bonaventure's when Canon Kelly was parish priest. The Funeral Mass will take place here on Monday 29th January at 11.30am followed by cremation at Harwood Park.

TAMALE NEW YEAR SALE **Today after both Masses.** Please come to the hall and support this sale and raffle. Thank you.

CHOCOLATE BOX Buy some chocolates that you like from the box. All money raised will go to the Street Children in Tamale. Please support this appeal which has been organised by two of our young children. These children will be outside after 10.30am Mass and also in the hall. Thank you.

CAFOD LUNCH Please come and support the next CAFOD Lunch this Friday. Homemade soups, bread and delicious puddings. Enjoy good food, good company and no cooking or washing up (unless you would like to help)! 12noon until 1.30pm. £3.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUPS This Tuesday the 3-7's meet at 3.45pm - 4.45pm. All welcome to come and enjoy learning a little more about their faith.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES Some of the Offertory Envelopes are coming unstuck, if you notice yours isn't sticking properly it would be helpful if you could seal it with some sellotape. Thank you.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES The dates for this are 22nd to 28th July 2007. We will again be taking a group from our three parishes. If you are thinking of joining us please put the dates in your diary. We will be travelling by air from Stansted and staying at the Hotel Mediteranee. The cost is £590 and is all-inclusive. Transport to and from the airport will be arranged. Brochures are available at the back of the church. We will have a meeting for those who are interested in coming, early next month. Meanwhile if you want to know anything before then please ask Kathryn.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY This Sunday there is a Taize Service at 6pm at St. Francis Church, Monday 22nd Focolare in St. Bonaventure's hall, Tuesday 23rd at Herts International Church (Tewin Road), Wednesday 24th at Christchurch Baptist - lunch available from 12 noon, and Thursday 25th at the United Reformed Church.

CaFE- Knowing God Better This course starts on Wednesday 14th February in the lounge of Our Lady's parish hall and lasts for 7 Wednesdays. Come to as many sessions as you can; maybe this will be something you do for Lent. If there is anyone in this parish who would like to help (setting the room up, welcoming) on the actual evenings please speak to Kathryn. More details soon.

CHURCH HEATING A replacement for the broken heater has been ordered, we are just awaiting a date for installation. The new heater is far more powerful than the old one so the church should heat up more quickly. Please may I remind you not to switch the heaters off as this shortens their lives. Thank you.

YOUR OFFERINGS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH The average weekly collection for the month of December came to £1,060. This includes weekly envelopes, standing orders and loose. Thank you for your continued and very generous support of the parish.

SHARING ABOUT CARING The last of this current series of meetings will be held on Saturday 27th January in St. Francis Church hall from 2pm-5pm. The focus will be on 'The Joys and Tears of Caring'. This is for all who are involved in the care of older people and for older people themselves. You are warmly invited to join us. Tea and coffee will be available. Details from Pauline Quantrill 01707 331933.

INTERFAITH PRAYER FOR PEACE Come and pray at Woodhall Community Centre on Saturday 27th January 7.30pm-8.30pm, followed by light refreshments.

May God bless you all,

Father Bill

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 21ST JANUARY

21 Sunday 8am Pamela Giblin (R.I.P.)
 10.30am Francesca Gismondi (anniversary)

Weekdays

22 Monday 9am Eucharistic Service
23 Tuesday 9am Josie Bell (intentions)
24 Wednesday 9am Margaret Gough (R.I.P. 100th birthday)
25 Thursday 9am Ray McMullen (lately dead)
26 Friday 9am Mary Pearce (intentions)
27 Saturday 10am Nora Ashmore (intentions)
28 Sunday 8am Ray McMullen (lately dead)
 10.30am In thanksgiving

Please note: There is Mass at 7pm every Sunday in Holy Family Church.

Morning Prayer of the Church begins 15 minutes before Mass on each weekday.
The Rosary is recited on Wednesdays and Fridays after Mass.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT First Friday of the month
from 9.30am concluding with **BENEDICTION at 12.30pm.**

CONFESSIONS Saturdays 10.30am - 11am.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS are on page 58 of your Mass book

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Bishop James O'Brien, Kathleen Campbell, Debbie Newman, Teresa Mitchell, Jim Crowe, Charlie Botwright, Phyllis Coughlan, Meg Ansell, Marjorie Davis, Peter Conroy, Catherine Conroy, Nora O'Loughlin, Pat Wells, Ted Evans, Ruth Bauer-Flynn, Mollie Brennan, Anna Bushell, Patrick Burke, Ruth Williams, James May, Keith Kerrison, Mrs Power, Peter Ferguson, Michael Burke, Kitty Stephens, and all the sick amongst our personal friends and relations, those in the Q.E. II hospital and all who are in need of our prayers.

LATELY DEAD Please pray for the repose of the souls of Frank Meenan and Kathleen Comer who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES Please remember Francesca Gismondi, Kathleen and Frank Galbraith, Anna Burke, Fr. Joseph Hughes, John Doyle and all those who have no one to pray for them.

<p>CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II HOSPITAL: If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplain, Mrs Bernadette Cassidy, on 07623 897178.</p>
