

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of the Year 28th January 2007

The Holy Spirit draws us together to listen to God's word and to celebrate the love we share as God's children, baptised into Christ Jesus. Today we hear Saint Paul's hymn extolling the virtue of love. We praise God for the opportunity to know the love of Christ and to be transformed by it.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Psalm 70

My lips will tell of your help.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant, and save me by your love.

Lord, keep me from shame, for I have called to you.



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

Wednesday 31st St. John Bosco, Priest
Friday 2nd Presentation of the Lord
Saturday 3rd SS Lawrence, Dunstan, and Theodore, Bishops

FRANK MEENAN R.I.P. The Funeral Mass for Frank Meenan R.I.P. takes place on Tuesday at 11am. The family requests family flowers only but donations may be made for Cancer Research.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY On this day during our 9am Mass we will have the Blessing of Candles.

FIRST FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 2nd February from after 9am Mass until 12.30pm when there will be Benediction. This day is an opportunity to pray for all our sick relatives and friends, those in the Q. E. II hospital and in the Isabel Hospice. Please sign the Watching Rota at the back of the church.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP SERVICE OF LIGHT This Tuesday 30th January our children will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. The children will make Christingles before having a short service in the church. All children are welcome to come along at 3.45pm and our service will begin at about 4.25pm.

TAMALE NEW YEAR SALE This sale raised £188.19 (including coffee money). Thank you to everyone who came and gave their support.

CHOCOLATE BOX Buy some chocolates that you like from the box. All money raised will go to the Street Children in Tamale. The children who have organised this will be outside after 10.30am Mass and also in the hall. If you are at 8am Mass the box is at the back of the church, you might like to choose some chocolates from there or make a donation. This is the last Sunday for this appeal. Thank you.

FINANCE COMMITTEE The Finance Committee meets this Tuesday at 8pm.

CRIB OFFERINGS Donations at the Crib for the Catholic Children's Society came to £151. 90. This together with the money raised by the children at the Carol Service makes a grand total of £336.62. Thank you.

CaFE- Knowing God Better This course of 7 video talks starts on Wednesday 14th February in the lounge of Our Lady's Parish Hall and lasts for 7 Wednesdays. The talks are presented on video and cover knowing God's Love, Forgiveness, Help, Word, Spirit and Hope. Leaflets are available at the back of church, these give details of the time and dates, please take one home with you. If you are unable to come to an evening meeting and would like to join an afternoon group please put your name, address and phone number on the list at the back of church.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES The dates for this are 22nd to 28th July 2007. 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 at 7.30pm on Friday 9th February in the Parish Hall. Meanwhile if you need more information or are unable to attend the meeting please speak to Kathryn.

MOTHER AND TODDLER This informal group meets on Wednesdays in the parish hall from 10am to 12noon (approx). All babies and toddlers are very welcome to come with their grown up. It is a good opportunity for mums etc. to get together whilst their children play. Please just come along, but if you would like any further information please phone Sarah on 01707 327238.

READERS Please collect your new rotas from the back of church.

CAFOD LUNCH Friday's CAFOD Lunch raised the magnificent sum of £190. Thank you to everyone who came and gave support. Next lunch is 23rd February.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY On Saturday 24th March, there will be a Quiz Evening in aid of Tamale. More details nearer the time; meanwhile make a note of the date and keep reading your encyclopaedia.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP On Wednesday, 28th February at 7.30pm Welwyn Hatfield Faith Group presents, as part of the series of Essence of Faith, a talk on 'A Basic Knowledge about Islam' by Amin Ullah Khan of the International Muslim Community at the Backhouse Rooms, 116 Handside Lane. If you are interested in coming please put you name on the list at the back of the church by 20th February.

May God bless you all,

Father Bill

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 28TH JANUARY

28 Sunday 8am Ray McMullen (lately dead)
 10.30am In thanksgiving (McCrave family)

Weekdays

29 Monday 11.30am Funeral Mass for Kathleen Comer R.I.P.
30 Tuesday 11am Funeral Mass for Frank Meenan R.I.P.
31 Wednesday 9am Bill Smith (intentions)
01 Thursday 9am Maureen Dagnall (3rd anniversary)
02 Friday 9am Helen O'Loughlin (special intention)
03 Saturday 10am Peter Lancina (anniversary)
04 Sunday 8am Bramwell and Butler family R.I.P.
 10.30am Pat and Mary Hurley (intentions)

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 61 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.

ANNIVERSARIES Please remember Frederick Campbell, Teresa Cockram, Anna Mahon, Maureen Dagnall, Mary Phillips, Robert Doyle, Kathleen Moran, Marion Meenan and all those who have no one to pray for them.

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| <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> |
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