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Fourth Sunday of Lent 18th March 2007

As we listen to the word of God today, let us be open to the power of the Holy Spirit. We often find ourselves far from God, hoping for a way back. Today's Gospel serves as an everlasting reminder that God is always there when we admit our sinfulness and come home to God's loving embrace. Let us truly taste and see the goodness of the Lord as that goodness is made present in the proclamation of the word.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I will leave this place and go to my father and say:

'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

My son, you should rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.



Psalm 33

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 19th St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

QUIZ EVENING CANCELLED The Quiz Evening which was to take place next Saturday has had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE IN AID OF LOURDES Some of our young people will be selling raffle tickets after both Masses today and next week. There are 8 eggs of varying sizes to be raffled and you can see them in the baptistery. The tickets are 20p or £1 a strip and we hope you will choose to buy a strip. Please make sure that your name or phone number is on the back of your ticket (if you buy a strip the phone number only needs to be on one ticket). We hope you support our young people, thank you. The raffle will be drawn next Sunday during coffee.

YOUR OFFERINGS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH The average weekly collection for the month of February came to £1132.35. This includes weekly envelopes, standing orders and loose. Thank you for your continued and very generous support of the parish.

PLANNED GIVING If you have envelopes your new set will be available during the week or next Sunday. If you would like to join the envelope scheme please fill in a Planned Giving Card (on table near baptistery) and return it, in the envelope provided, to the Presbytery. If you would like to pay by Standing Order fill in a card and also a form and return both to the presbytery. If you pay tax please think about signing a Gift Aid form. If you have already signed a Gift Aid form but no longer pay tax we need that information as well. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP This Tuesday the 7-11's meet at 3.45pm

PARISH MASS BOOKS These have now arrived. The page numbering is slightly different in the new books so there will be two page numbers given on the back of the newsletter each week.

LOURDES 2007 If you are interested in coming on the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 22nd - 28th July please contact Kathryn.

ALTAR SERVER A reminder that you have a training session next Saturday at 10.45am. Tea and coffee for parents.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES There are three Penitential Services for you to choose from this Lent. • Monday 26th March 7pm at Our Lady's; • Tuesday 27th March 8pm at Holy Family; • Wednesday 28th March 7pm at St. Bonaventure's.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES CARD Please take a card giving details of all the Holy Week and Easter Services in our three parishes.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP On Monday 26th March at 7.30pm Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith group presents, as part of the series Essence of Faith, a talk on 'Tabernacle of Unity; an Introduction to the Baha'i Faith' by the Hon. Barney Leith, Secretary for External Affairs of the Bahai's in the UK, at St. Francis Church Hall, Parkway. If you are interested please put your name on the list at the back of the church by Sunday 25th March.

A FREE LUNCH! The Interfaith Group invites you all to a community lunch in the Council Chamber at Campus West on Thursday 29th March at 12.30pm followed by an update of news on the Interfaith Group and a talk entitled 'How faith communities can help the wider community to build an attractive shared vision'. Please take an invitation from the table at the back of the church if you would like to go.

CaFE - KNOWING GOD BETTER This Wednesday is the sixth week of this course of video talks. Why not come along this Wednesday to the lounge of Our Lady's Parish Hall where the theme this week is 'Knowing God's Spirit', which focuses on the Holy Spirit in our lives. If an evening meeting isn't convenient there is a morning session at 10am on a Wednesday in the Sacristy at Our Lady's.

'The spirit comes with the tenderness of a true friend and protector to save, to heal, to teach, to counsel, to strengthen and to console' St. Cyril of Jerusalem.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER If you are available to carry out your ministry of Reader or Eucharistic Minister during this period please indicate on the lists at the back of the church.

WASHING OF THE FEET Male and female volunteers are needed, if you are willing please fill in the list at the back. Thank you.

Thank you, Lord, for our mothers. We remember today their loving care, and their ceaseless love for us. May we show them by our gifts, our words and our actions that we love them and care about them too. Amen.

BRITISH SUMMERTIME Don't forget, clocks go forward next weekend!

May God bless you all,

Father Bill

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 18TH MARCH

18 Sunday	8am	Denis Jones (lately dead)
	10.30am	Thanksgiving (St. Anthony)

Weekdays

19 Monday	9am	Eucharistic Service
20 Tuesday	9am	John West (operation)
21 Wednesday	9am	William McMillan (anniversary)
22 Thursday	9am	Joan Pryor-Sarjant (illness)
23 Friday	9am	Kathleen Comer (lately dead)
24 Saturday	10am	Charlie Doherty (lately dead)

25 Sunday	8am	Jean Wagner (lately dead)
	10.30am	Joan Pryor-Sarjant (illness)

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 after Mass. **Stations of the Cross on 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 a page 78 of the brown Mass Book or page 80 of the pink Mass Book.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Bishop James O'Brien, Susan Hughes, Kathleen Campbell, 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 Con Cahalane, Frank McAleer, Isabell Lee, James Lee, P. Lee, Annie Rogers, 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>
