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Fifth Sunday of Easter 6th May 2007

Today we open our hearts to receive Christ's new commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Throughout this Easter season we ponder that love, which gained for us the promise of eternal life. As we are drawn into the vision of St. John in the book of Revelation, let us pray for a strengthening of our love for one another.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

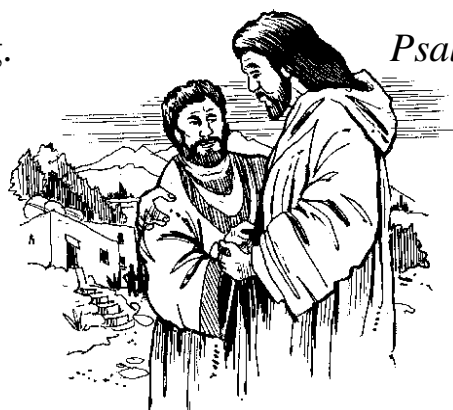
Psalm 144

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.'

Alleluia!



"A new Commandment,

love one another..."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, alleluia.

MASS INTENTIONS I would just like to make a couple of points regarding Mass intentions. As far as possible we try to say the Masses you request on the date you have indicated. Please bear in mind that this is not always possible, and sometimes may have to be changed because of a funeral. If you want to have a Mass on a particular day or time please do ask well in advance. The other point I wish to make concerns the offering for a Mass. Back in November 2005 the Diocese decided that the Mass offering should be £10. However, I only found this out a couple of months ago. Obviously if you cannot afford £10 the Mass you request will still be offered. Mass intention envelopes are in the wall dispensers at the back of church.

TAMALE COFFEE GROUP Your new rotas are available at the back of the church.

NEED A COT/PUSHCHAIR/THREE PIECE SUITE? A parishioner has a pushchair and cot to give away to anyone who might have need of them. Another parishioner has a three piece suite to give away as well. Contact Kathryn in the office.

CHURCH FLOWERS There will be a meeting of the Flower Group after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 20th May in the Presbytery. Please bring your diaries with you so that you don't get put on the rota for a weekend when you are away. New members of this group are very welcome.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP As part of a series entitled 'Essence of Faith' the Welwyn Garden Interfaith Group presents a talk by Dr. Vickneswaren Krishnan, Barrister and Professor of Law, on 'The Basic Teachings of Hinduism' at St. Francis Church hall on Thursday 24th May at 7.30pm. Please put your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to attend.

CAFOD EVENING There will be a CAFOD evening in Our Lady's parish hall on Tuesday 22nd May at 7.45pm. The evening will feature a talk by Tony Sheen who is the diocesan manager for CAFOD. Tony has visited Brazil to see the work that is being done there, and he will talk about his experiences in the shanty towns of Sao Paulo and the Amazon rainforest. This should be a very interesting evening. Refreshments will be served and all are invited.

'Grant, O Lord, that your love may so fill our lives that we may count nothing too small to do for you, nothing too much to give, and nothing too hard to bear, for Jesus Christ's sake.' Ignatius Loyola

May God bless you all,

Father Bill

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 6TH MAY

06 Sunday 8am People of the Parish
 10.30am Evelyn Coleman (anniversary)

Weekdays

07 Monday 10am Thanksgiving
08 Tuesday 9am Emma Crowe (R.I.P.)
09 Wednesday 9am Jose Serrano (lately dead)
10 Thursday 9am Samuel and Catherine Lee (intentions)
11 Friday 9am Win Izzard (lately dead)
12 Saturday 10am Peter and Catherine Conroy (intentions)
13 Sunday 8am Ruby Newnham (90th birthday)
 10.30am People of the Parish

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 a page 128 of the brown Mass
Book or page 136 of the pink Mass Book.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: 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 Bernadette Ginley and Doris Donnelly, and
all those who have no one to pray for them.

LATELY DEAD Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bridget Bramwell.

<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>
