

# ST. BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Pentecost Sunday 27th May 2007

Throughout the history of salvation, God's spirit has breathed upon all creation, bringing life and renewal. Today we remember those events and pray for an ever more generous outpouring of that same Spirit. Let this holy place resound with the prayer of our responsorial psalm:

*'Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth'.*

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

*Psalm 103*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts  
of your faithful, and kindle in them  
the fire of your love.

Alleluia!



### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,  
and they spoke of the great things God had done, alleluia.

## *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**

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| Thursday | 31st | Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Friday   | 1st  | St. Justin, Martyr                    |
| Saturday | 2nd  | SS Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs     |

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is Mass this Bank Holiday Monday at 10am.

**FIRST FRIDAY** There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Benediction this Friday because there is a wedding on that day.

**TEACHING VACANCIES** St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School, Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage has vacancies for two teachers starting in September. If you are interested please phone the headteacher, Mrs Ross for further details: 01438 729555.

**PARISH MASS BOOKS** We are now using the Year C: part 2 Parish Mass Books which are in short supply (and are rather old). New books are on order and hopefully will be with us by next weekend.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** Please pray for the twenty children in our parish who are about to receive Holy Communion for the first time. Our First Communion Mass is at 12 noon on Sunday 17th June. On this day the 10.30am Mass will be a quiet Mass without hymns. Please pray that these young children always stay close to the Lord Jesus. The photographs of our children can be seen on the notice board near the Confessional, normal parish notices are on the other side of the board.

**UPDATE ON THE ISRAELI / PALESTINIAN LUNCH** Our thanks to the many people who attended the luncheon and heard of the plight of the people in that war torn land. Your generosity helped to raise a total of £1400. This will be split between the House of Hope (for autistic and physically disabled children) and Wi'am (the conflict resolution centre). A young A level student, Owen Edwards will be spending his 6 weeks summer break helping out in the House of Hope. He is looking for sponsorship for his travel and living expenses. If you feel you would like to help him please contact Valerie Skottowe (324828) or Desi Russell (371399).

**READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Don't forget to collect your new rotas from the back of the church.

**CAFOD LIGHT LUNCH** Many thanks to all those who supported Friday's CAFOD Light Lunch which raised £152 for CAFOD. Don't miss next month's lunch on Friday 29th June.

**LOURDES FUNDRAISING** There are still a few people who haven't yet paid their money. Please place your donation in an envelope and put it through the presbytery letter box. Thank you. As soon as all the money is collected we will let you know how much you helped raise.

**DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO HELP WITH ODD JOBS?** Irena Niemiro's cousin from Poland is staying here for a while and is keen to do some work. (some of you may remember her from last year). Maybe you could do with a cleaner or gardener, etc. If you are interested please phone Irena on 01707 886889.

**THANK YOU** Pat Mullen sincerely thanks the many guests at her 80th birthday party for the beautiful flowers, birthday cards and donations enclosed for a charity of her choice. The total sum amounted to £415. She has decided to donate this sum to an appeal for funds from Kollangana parish school, Kerala, India.

**ST. JOHN BOSCO CENTRE SUMMER CAMPS** The St. Vincent de Paul Society has been running Summer Camps for boys and girls for many years. There is a boys camp and a girls camp. There is information in the leaflet dispenser near the baptistery if you are interested in sending your children to one of these camps.

**GUIDED QUIET DAY OF REFLECTION** There is a Guided Quiet Day of Reflection at All Saints Pastoral Centre, St. Albans on Saturday 2nd June 2007 10.30am to 2.30pm This is an opportunity to experience a gentle introduction to contemplative prayer. Everyone is welcome to come and to explore this quiet and relaxing guided prayer experience. Tel: 01727 822880 for booking and more information.

**CLEANER REQUIRED** Reliable person required to clean at the Parish in Hatfield South (St. Peter's). Duties include general cleaning in the house and hall, and ironing. Hours of work: 6 hours a week; times flexible. Pay: £7.50 per hour. Closing date: 13th June 2007. Interview date: w/c 18th June 2007. For an application pack, please visit the diocesan website at [www.rcdow.org.uk](http://www.rcdow.org.uk) or telephone 020 7798 9167.

**BIBLE ALIVE** The June edition of this magazine is available at the back of church.

*May God bless you all,*

*Father Bill*

## SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 27TH MAY

**27 Sunday**            8am            Roger Shelford (R.I.P.)  
                             10.30am      Jerry Shields (lately dead)

### **Weekdays**

28 Monday            10am        People of the parish  
29 Tuesday            9am            Bridie Bramwell (lately dead)  
                             2pm            Wedding Service  
30 Wednesday        9am            John Shields (lately dead)  
31 Thursday          9am            Thomas Ratcliffe (anniversary)  
01 Friday              9am            Theresa Farrell (lately dead)  
                             1.30pm        Wedding Service  
02 Saturday          10am          Bridie Bramwell (lately dead)  
03 Sunday             8am            Corrine Philipsz's (intentions)  
                             10.30am      Private intention

**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 22 of the Mass Book.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Colin Wright, Susan Hughes, Kathleen Campbell, Teresa Mitchell, Jim Crowe, Charlie Botwright, Liz Davidson, 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, 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 Maureen Hamilton, Catherine Bradley, Grainne Fitzackerly, Dr. John James Wolfe, and all those who have no one to pray for them.

**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.