

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Corpus Christi 10th June 2007

The miracle of the loaves and fishes shows the abundance of God's generosity. As we listen to this remarkable story, let us ask God to do what may seem impossible to us just as the feeding of the multitudes seemed impossible to the disciples. The things that seem out of reach: world peace, justice for the oppressed, food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, a willingness to care for the earth - can become a reality. But we must be what today's feast calls us to become: the body of Christ sent forth to a hungry world.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven,
says the Lord.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him,
says the Lord.



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	11th	St. Barnabas, Apostle
Wednesday	13th	St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor
Friday	15th	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	16th	Immaculate Heart of Mary

A REMINDER Next Sunday's 10.30am Mass will be a quiet Mass without hymns. There will be no Children's Liturgy during this Mass or any coffee afterwards.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS Next Sunday twenty of our parish children will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Our First Communion Mass is at 12 noon and parishioners are welcome to attend. There will be light refreshments in the hall after this Mass and you are invited to come along. Please pray for these children and their families.

CAR PARKING We realise that car parking is very difficult outside the church and that a few people are in the habit of double parking. Last Sunday we were visited by the Community Police Officer and have been asked to let parishioners know that they must not double park at any time as this is dangerous to passing traffic and restricts vision when moving off. Please try to observe this rule, thank you.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP Both groups meet again on Tuesday 3.45pm - 4.45pm. Amongst other things we will make our contribution to the First Communion Mass. New children are always very welcome to come and learn a little more about their faith.

CAFOD CAR PARK The CAFOD group at Holy Family Church will be running the charity car park at Oaklands College in the town centre on Saturday 16th June. So if you are planning to go shopping etc. please consider using this car park costing £1 with 50p going towards CAFOD.

CHARITY BOX Your donations in the Charity Box for June and July will go towards CAFOD for the relief of the suffering in Darfur and Chad. Men, women and children are attacked on a daily basis with around 4.5 million people affected, of these more than two million have been forced to flee their homes and are reliant on aid to survive. Please be generous.

FIRST COMMUNION 2008 Application forms for First Holy Communion in 2008 are available at the back of church. Children must be born before 1st September 2000 to be eligible to receive Holy Communion in 2008 (i.e. they must be in at least Year 3 from September 2007). Preparation begins on Saturday 15th September at 10.30am and takes place one a month.

CONFIRMATION 2008 Forms (green) for this Sacrament are available from the back of church. Young people need to be in Year 9 upwards from September 2007 to receive this sacrament.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP To conclude the series of Essence of Faith, the Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Group presents Christianity Today on Monday 18th June at 8pm at St. Francis' Church Hall, Parkway. This will be an opportunity for the various denominations represented in the group to give a brief account of their traditions and their personal faith. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church if you wish to attend.

LOURDES FUNDRAISING So far our Lourdes fundraising has gone very well. We have actually raised £3245.30. £1280 of this has come from the generosity of parishioners through the sponsored walk and other generous contributions. For this we thank you very much and you can be assured that the young people will work and pray very hard as Red Caps. Other money has come from the young people raising funds elsewhere - a cake sale in another parish raised £412! We thank the priests and parishioners of St. Alban and St. Stephen's parish, St. Albans for willingly and generously supporting our young people. The Catenian Association Bursary Fund has also awarded each young person £30 towards the cost of the trip and we are very grateful to them. We still have £1500 to raise so the fund remains open.

TEA IN THE GARDEN 'Tea in the Garden' for Tamale. Once again Pat and Peter Lomer are having 'Tea in the Garden' at 19 Handside Lane on the afternoon of Sunday 24th June from 2.30pm - 5pm. There will be tea and cakes, soft drinks, plants for sale, a raffle and bric-a-brac (donations very welcome). Please come along and enjoy the afternoon and at the same time support the education of the children in Tamale, Ghana. Donation on entry will include tea and cakes.

SAVE QE II MARCH AND RALLY TODAY Come and support this campaign to save our hospital. For the march assemble at 12 noon at Stanborough Lakes (Terra Nova Cafe) and march to King George V Playing Fields. The Rally is at 1pm at King George V Playing Fields. Don't let our hospital close.

May God bless you all,

Father Bill

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 10TH JUNE

10 Sunday 8am Michael Burke (lately dead)
 10.30am John and Betty Nightingale (R.I.P.)

Weekdays

11 Monday 9am Eucharistic Service
12 Tuesday 9am Michael Burke (lately dead)
13 Wednesday 9am Michael Cowan (lately dead)
14 Thursday 9am Special intention (S.H.)
15 Friday 9am Jerry and John Shields (lately dead)
16 Saturday 10am Don and Mary Rainey (R.I.P.)
17 Sunday 8am Stella Stirzaker (lately dead)
 10.30am Ready and Mullarkey families (R.I.P.)

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 32 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 Michael Burke, Mr. J.V.A. Browne, Elenor Hall, Kitty Forster, Mary O'Donoghue, Elizabeth Dunne, Henry Carrick, 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>
