

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Eleventh Sunday of the Year 17th June 2007

This first Sunday in the long period of Ordinary Time that will bring us to the threshold of Advent roots us firmly in the Gospel of St. Luke. Today we listen to the story of a meal that Jesus shares in the home of a Pharisee. At that meal the Lord has something to teach this Pharisee and something to teach us about the nature of the Eucharist. May today's word be one of reconciliation and hope for each one of us and for our Church.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Forgive, Lord, the guilt of my sin.

Psalm 31

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

One thing I seek: to dwell in the house
of the Lord all the days of my life.



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

Tuesday	19th	St. Romuald, Abbott
Wednesday	20th	St. Alban, Protomartyr
Thursday	21st	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Friday	22nd	SS John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs
Saturday	23rd	St. Etheldreda, Abbess

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS We congratulate and pray for our young children receiving Holy Communion for the First time today: Monica Hilario, Rebecca Fox, Katelin Archer, Ben Ashworth, Eda O'Donnell, Adam Canny, Eleanor Dixon, Pamela Pelagio, Francesca Wood, Alexander Wood, Henry Baker, Tasha Charunda, Simukai Charunda, Elena Alorati, Ella Young, Amelia Coles, Darcy Kiedyk, Rachel Parsons, Jack Laycock and Catey Basinger. Very many thanks to all those who have helped in any way to make this a very special day for these children. You are all invited to refreshments in the parish hall after Mass.

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. We have been 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 This Tuesday the 7-11's meet 3.45 - 4.45pm. New children are always very welcome to come and learn a little more about their faith.

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL The meeting planned for this Tuesday 19th June has been cancelled as we do not have enough items for an agenda. If you have anything that you would like discussed at a future Pastoral Council meeting please put that information in writing and drop it through the Presbytery letter box. Please mark your envelope 'Pastoral Council'. Thank you.

YOUR OFFERINGS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH The average weekly collection for the month of May came to £1,241. This includes weekly envelopes, standing orders and loose. Thank you for your continued and very generous support of the parish.

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.

BOOK LAUNCH Parishioners are invited to come and celebrate the publication of 'Frederick William Faber *A Great Servant of God*' by Melissa Wilkinson in St. Wilfred's Hall, The Oratory, SW7 on Wednesday 27th June from 6 - 8pm. Melissa is one of our organists at 10.30am Mass.

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.

ARMCHAIRS A parishioner has two armchairs to give away, if they are of any use to you please contact the parish office.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP To conclude the series of Essence of Faith, the Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Group presents Christianity Today this Monday 18th June at 8pm at St. Francis' Church Hall, Parkway.

LORETO PAST PUPILS' REUNION Saturday 30th June from 2.30 - 5.30pm.

MOTHER AND TODDLER A hairdresser is visiting the Mother and Toddler Group on Wednesday 27th June. She will be cutting children's hair for £5, and adults for £12. You are welcome to come along with your young children. 10am - 11.45am.

BAPTISM OF JOEL AND CASEY GILHOOLY This will take place at 12.30pm next Sunday 24th June. All are welcome to come and join the family in celebrating their very special day. Joel and Casey are well known at our 10.30am Mass and at our Children's Tuesday Group.

May God bless you all,

Father Bill

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 17TH JUNE

17 Sunday 8am Stella Stirzaker (lately dead)
 10.30am Ready and Mullarkey families (R.I.P.)

Weekdays

18 Monday 9am Eucharistic Service
19 Tuesday 9am Henry Crowe (R.I.P.)
20 Wednesday 9am Michael Burke (lately dead)
21 Thursday 9am Ian Bailey (anniversary)
22 Friday 9am Joan Pryor-Sarjant (sick)
23 Saturday 10am Denis Gallagher (lately dead)
24 Sunday 8am People of the Parish
 10.30am John Shields (lately dead)

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 41 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 Joan Gunn, Annie Campbell, Marian Johnson, Mary Williams, Hannah Doran, Sean McGeehan, Kathleen Burke, Anne Cahalane, 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>
