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Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year 7th October 2007

The prophet Habakkuk cries out to God in despair. He is honest in his cry, for he feels abandoned and without help. Faced with the realities of war, violence, greed, and hopelessness that are present in the world, we also cry out to our God. These cries can only arise out of hearts that know God's presence, mercy and compassion. Using the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus tells us of the immense power of faith. Let today's sacred word strengthen our faith and urge us to proclaim justice to a suffering world.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts. *Psalm 94*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

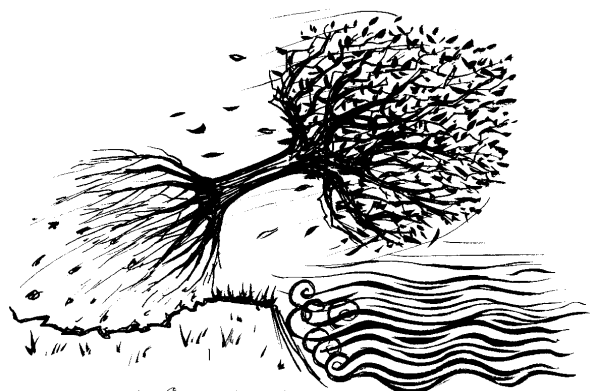
Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to those who are searching for his love.



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	9th	St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions Martyrs or St. John Leonardi, Priest
Wednesday	10th	St. Paulinus of York, Bishop
Friday	12th	St. Wilfred, Bishop
Saturday	13th	St. Edward the Confessor

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY Thank you to all who fasted on Friday to help the people of Zimbabwe. There is a second collection at both Masses today so please return your envelopes or offering in this collection. Your generosity will help provide food as well as seeds and tools to help increase the next harvest for the people of Zimbabwe.

RECOLLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS There will be a time of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the church next Saturday 13th October from 2-5pm. It is hoped that all Ministers will make every effort to attend this time of talks, prayer and reflection.

AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION FOR READERS This takes place on Saturday 10th November from 2-5pm in the church and will follow the same format as the afternoon for Eucharistic Ministers. Again it is hoped that all readers will attend. Both these afternoons are for Holy Family parishioners as well. If you are not a Reader or Eucharistic Minister but would like to attend you will be very welcome. There will be a time for tea and coffee during both afternoons.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP This Tuesday the 7-11's meet. New children are welcome to come and learn about their faith in a relaxed and fun way and at the same time get to know other parish children. 3.45pm - 4.45pm.

ALTAR SERVERS During our 10.30am Mass next Sunday Lizzie, Courtney, Emma and Saskia will be enrolled in the Guild of St. Stephen. They have served faithfully for sometime now and are eligible to be enrolled.

MOTHER AND TODDLER This Wednesday the hairdresser is coming to the Mother and Toddler Group; £5 child, £10 adult. If you would like Emma to visit at home it is £6 a child, £12 an adult. She also does hair and manicure for teens. 07708 543 141.

ONE WORLD WEEK Details of this next week and on notice board now.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT This is week 1 of the annual Mass count. Would the offertory collectors please do the counting and recording on the sheet. Thank you.

FAITH SHARING The Faith Sharing Group begins meeting again this Monday 8th October from 7.45pm until 9.15pm. The group will be following 'Sharing in His Life' Daily Mediations and Group Reflections. You can purchase this little book for £1 from the back of the church (table near the baptistery) and please take a prayer card (free). Everyone is welcome to join this group.

CaFE - KNOWING GOD EVEN BETTER As a preparation for Advent we are continuing to use the CaFE programme. The course entitled 'Knowing God Even Better' commences on Wednesday 7th November at 7.45pm (for 8pm) and finishing at 9.30pm. It takes place in the lounge of Our Lady's Parish Hall. One again this is an opportunity to develop our faith in a fun and stimulating way jointly with our neighbouring parishes. There is also a daytime session following the 9.30am Mass in Our Lady's. This will be held in the Sacristy. More details in the coming weeks. If you are likely to need a lift to the evening sessions please let Kathryn know so that lifts can be arranged.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP 2007/2008 Those of you who attended our Essence of Faith talks and anyone else who is interested in finding out more about the group are cordially invited to a shared supper at the Focolare Centre on Sunday 21st October at 7pm. This will be an opportunity to hear about our future events and to enjoy a social evening together. If you would like to attend please sign the list which can be found at the back of the church, by 15th October. Thank you.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK There will be a Mass with the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday 27th October at 11.30am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. If you can help with lifts on that day or if you need a lift please contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY This will take place at 3pm on Saturday 10th May 2008 in Westminster Cathedral with Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor as the chief celebrant. The Cardinal would like to invite all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th+ wedding anniversaries in 2008. Would all couples in the parish who qualify, please hand in their names and addresses to the parish office as soon as possible. These names will then be sent to the Diocese and you will receive an invitation to this special Mass.

May God bless you all,

Father Bill

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 7TH OCTOBER

07 Sunday 8am Ron Laurie (anniversary)
 10.30am Stephen Albuquerque (lately dead)

Weekdays

08 Monday 9am Eucharistic Service
09 Tuesday 9am Norbert Morrissey R.I.P.
10 Wednesday 9am Private Intention
11 Thursday 9am Thanksgiving
12 Friday 9am Family and friends of Norbert Morrissey
13 Saturday 10am People of the Parish

14 Sunday 8am Stephen Albuquerque (lately dead)
 10.30am Thanksgiving (PM)

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 12noon**

CONFESSIONS Saturdays 10.30am - 11am.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS are on a page 82 of the Mass Book.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Debrae Betts, Colin Wright, Susan Hughes, Kathleen Campbell, Teresa Mitchell, Jim Crowe, Charlie Botwright, Maureen 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 Mother Genevieve, Eleanor Reilly, John Birkett, Rosaleen Cooper, Irene Hill, Eileen Duzuez, Anthony Batey, Michael Casey, Marie O'Mahoney, Martin Moran, 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>
