

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday of the Year 22nd July 2007

Today we listen to remarkable stories of hospitality. As a community, we are called to extend the same kind of hospitality Abraham and Sarah extended to their guests. What they discovered is what awaits our discovery: that the presence of God is manifested when we reach out in welcome to anyone.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Psalm 14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open your heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord keeps in our minds the wonderful things he has done.

He is compassion and love; he always provides for his faithful.

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	23rd	St. Briget of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe
Wednesday	25th	St. James, Apostle
Thursday	26th	SS Joachim and Anne, Parents of Our Lady

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE This week people from all over the Diocese of Westminster are on pilgrimage to Lourdes. By the time you read this newsletter our parish group of 24 will have left on the start of this pilgrimage which is led by our Cardinal. Please pray for our pilgrims as they will for you. We will have a special time set aside for placing your petitions in the grotto.

CAFOD LIGHT LUNCH Please come and support the next CAFOD Summer Light Lunch this Friday, 27th July, from 12noon to 1.30pm when there will be a 'Summer Menu'. The menu will include pâtés, freshly made sandwiches, delicious cakes and of course the usual puddings! Please do come and join us, and bring your friends. All money raised goes straight to CAFOD.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUPS We meet again after the holidays on Tuesday 11th September.

CHOIR The choir takes a break now and resumes again on Thursday 6th September 8pm - 9pm. During August we will still sing the hymns at 10.30am Mass but not the Mass setting (no Latin on the first Sunday).

FINDING OUT ABOUT THE FAITH FOR NON-CATHOLICS If you are not a Catholic and are interested in finding out about the Catholic Faith you might like to join the RCIA group which will begin meeting in September in Holy Family parish room. This group is for both parishes. By joining this group you are not under any commitment to become a Catholic. If you are interested please speak to Father Bill (327434).

MOTHER AND TODDLER This group will continue to meet during the school holidays so please come along on a Wednesday morning from 10am to 11.45am. Older brothers and sisters may come too.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS The average weekly offerings for the month of June came to £1030, this amount includes offertory envelopes, standing orders and loose plate. Thank you all for your generosity.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY This Sunday is the last Children's Liturgy until the beginning of September. The Children's Liturgy is a very important part of our parish life and has been since it was started 18 years ago and some of our leaders have been leading it since then! Its purpose is to make the Mass accessible and meaningful to our children. The Liturgy follows the pattern of the Mass - with an Act of Sorrow, Gloria, Alleluia and Gospel. After the Gospel there is usually a question and answer session to draw out the main theme of the Gospel, and then, maybe (time permitting) an activity to do and always a worksheet to take home. The success of the liturgy is due to the hard work of all our dedicated leaders. At present we have a team of 16 leaders; if you feel you would like to join us please let Kathryn know. Training can be given, and there are helpful sheets to use for the Sunday when you are on. If you don't feel confident enough to lead a group you might like to be the second adult who just needs to be there.

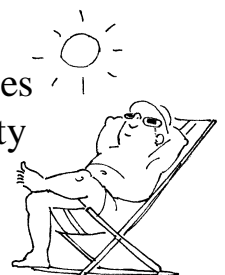
DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO HELP WITH ODD JOBS? Irena Niemiro's cousin from Poland is staying here for a while and is keen to do some more work. Maybe you could do with a cleaner or gardener, etc. If you are interested please phone Irena on 01707 886889.

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.

BIBLE ALIVE The August edition of Bible Alive is available at the back of church £1.95.

GOING ON HOLIDAY? If you would like to know where to find the local Catholic Church at your holiday destination in England or Wales there is a copy of the Directory which lists this information in the sacristy (this week, office next). Have a happy, relaxing and safe holiday, and pray for sunshine!



May God bless you all,

Father Bill

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 22ND JULY

22 Sunday 8am Lourdes pilgrims
 10.30am Pat Bishop (lately dead)

Weekdays

23 Monday 9am Eucharistic Service
24 Tuesday 9am Pauline McEleney (birthday)
25 Wednesday 9am Ivy Wright (lately dead)
26 Thursday 9am Frank Quinn (lately dead)
27 Friday 9am Thanksgiving - St. Joseph
28 Saturday 10am Ivy Wright (lately dead)

29 Sunday 8am Ian Lewis (anniversary)
 10.30am Francesca Staniforth (R.I.P. 12th birthday)

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 Resumes again on the first Friday of October from 9.30am - 12.30pm.

CONFESSIONS Saturdays 10.30am - 11am.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS are on a page 54 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 Nora France, Catherine Murphy 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>
