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Eighteenth Sunday of the Year 5th August 2007

Today God gathers us together and speaks a word not easy to hear. A culture that values the amassing of material possessions above all else is unlikely to take kindly to today's word of God. We are often deluded into thinking that the more we have the happier we will be. Deep down we know this is simply not true. Let us be open and vulnerable to the challenges today's Mass issues for each of us and for this community of faith.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Psalm 89

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

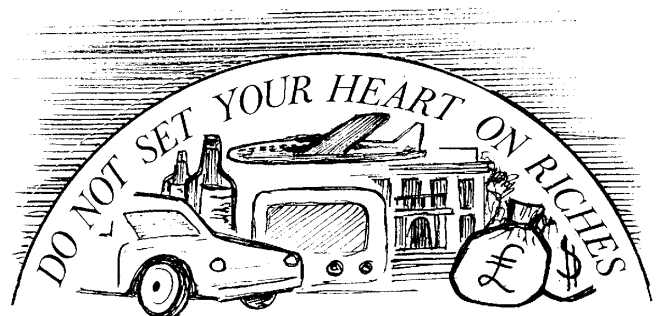
Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You gave us bread from heaven, O Lord: a sweet-tasting bread that was very good to eat.



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	6th	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Wednesday	8th	St. Dominic, Priest
Thursday	9th	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Friday	10th	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Saturday	11th	St. Clare, Virgin

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE The parish group who joined the Westminster Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes last week had a wonderful time. As usual there was much joy and happiness, (with plenty of laughter) to be found in Lourdes. All those who went will be able to tell you what a brilliant job our Redcaps (and the Redcaps from all over the Diocese) did, they worked extremely hard doing a service which was not always easy, they also had some time (usually late at night) for much needed relaxation which is all part of the pilgrimage. These young people develop in confidence over the week and soon learn to notice when someone needs a listening ear or other help. The young people develop a very special relationship with the person they are helping. Why not come with us next year from 20th - 26th July?

LOURDES WATER There is a container of Lourdes water on the table at the back of the church (baptistery side) please help yourself, use the jug for pouring. We did bring two containers back with us but one got mislaid at Stansted Airport!

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Resumes again on Sunday 2nd September. If you are interested in becoming a leader please speak to Kathryn.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUPS We meet again on Tuesday 11th September at 3.45pm.

CAFOD LIGHT LUNCH The CAFOD Light Lunch on Friday 27th July raised £160. Thank you to all who helped. The next lunch is on Friday 31st August. Just a reminder that there are envelopes at the back of the church for donations to CAFOD. With your help CAFOD is able to help many thousands of people in poverty to transform their lives.

MASS CARDS There are some new Mass Intention cards in the baskets at the back of the church (confessional side). The cellophane wrapped cards are individually priced, all other cards are 50p. Please put the money in the baskets.

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 once a month. Forms should be returned as soon as possible.

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. It is hoped that the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in April - we have put forward three dates but it will be a while before we know for definite.

FAREWELL Two of our parishioners are leaving the parish this week for pastures new. Marie and Ken Wilmot of Longcroft Lane, have been in the parish for many years and we wish them (and the dogs) all the best in their move to Stamford, Lincolnshire.

CHARITY BOX Donations in the Charity Box from now until the end of August will go to the National Society for Epilepsy. Money raised goes towards pioneering research, a programme of education and public awareness, and provision of medical and support services.

NOTICE BOARDS At the moment two of the notice boards are being used to highlight our CAFOD and Tamale Projects. Normal parish notices can be found on the reverse of each board.

May God bless you all,

Father Bill

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 5TH AUGUST

05 Sunday 8am Rose Peppard (lately dead)
 10.30am Jean (lately dead)

Weekdays

06 Monday 9am Eucharistic Service
07 Tuesday 9am Rena Beer (anniversary)
08 Wednesday 9am Raymond James (R.I.P.)
09 Thursday 9am Private intention
10 Friday 9am Thanksgiving
11 Saturday 10am People of the parish

12 Sunday 8am Kit McCarthy (anniversary)
 10.30am Fr. Lyons (intentions)

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.

CONFESSIONS Saturdays 10.30am - 11am.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS are on a page 59 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 Mae McDevitt, Nora 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>
