

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-first Sunday of the Year 26th August 2007

God's holy word shows us the way to eternal life. The entrance is narrow yet we are strengthened each week as we gather in this holy place to be fed at the table of the word. May the proclamation of today's scriptures keep our eyes focused on the Lord.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

God out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

Psalm 116

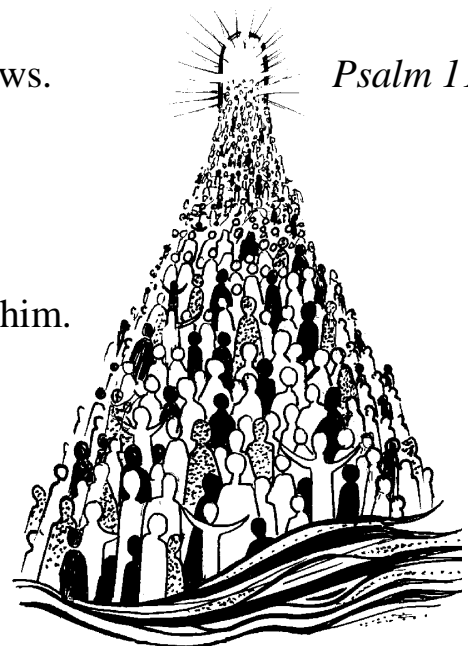
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lord, the earth is filled with your gift from heaven;
man grows bread from earth,
and wine to cheer his heart.



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	27th	St. Monica
Tuesday	28th	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor
Wednesday	29th	Beheading of John the Baptist
Thursday	30th	SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, and Margaret Ward, Virgin, Martyrs
Friday	31st	St. Aidan, Bishop, and Saints of Lindisfarne,

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY Please note that there is Mass this Bank Holiday Monday at 10am.

CAFOD LUNCH Please come to the CAFOD Light Lunch this Friday from 12 noon until 1.30pm. This is your last opportunity to sample the Summer Menu of pâtés, freshly made sandwiches, delicious cakes and of course the usual puddings! From October the lunches will be the usual soups etc. All proceeds to CAFOD.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Next Sunday our Children's Liturgy resumes again at the 10.30am Mass. Children from the age of about 3 years old (provided they are able to sit quietly and listen) are very welcome to come out into the hall. Parents are welcome to attend if they have a child who a little shy about coming out on their own. The purpose of the Children's Liturgy of the Word is to make the Mass accessible and meaningful to the children. It 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.

MOTHER AND TODDLER There will be a visit from Usbourne Books this Wednesday 29th August from 10am - 11.30am. From September the Mother and Toddler will begin at the earlier time of 9.30am to allow for mums to get away earlier to collect older children from nursery. The group have recently purchased some lovely new toys having thrown away many old, broken and unsafe toys. Donations of toys, in good condition, would be more than welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS Your new rotas are at the back of the church.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUPS We meet again on Tuesday 11th September, more details next week.

TAMALE COFFEE GROUP Please collect your new rotas from the back of the church. Tea and coffee is served after 10.30am Mass every Sunday. Come and support the Tamale project, photos of which are on the notice board at the back of church.

CAFOD HOLY FAMILY GROUP On Sunday 2nd September Holy Family Church CAFOD group are having a barbecue at 48, London Road, Welwyn. £6 (children £3). All welcome, see poster on CAFOD notice board.

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. 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.

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).

MIXED GROUP SPONSORED CYCLE RALLY The Mixed group are holding a sponsored cycle rally on Sunday 2nd September in aid of the Christmas Day Dinner Fund for the lonely and elderly of Welwyn Hatfield. To be a cyclist or a sponsor please contact Sean Cox on 325278 or email: sean@themixedgroup.org.uk. See poster on notice board.

CHARITY BOX Donations in the Charity Box are for 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.

*May God bless you all,
Father Bill*

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 26TH AUGUST

26 Sunday 8am Roger Shelford (R.I.P.)
 10.30am Tom Walsh (R.I.P.)

Weekdays

27 Monday 10am People of the Parish
28 Tuesday 9am Gladys Oswald (R.I.P.)
29 Wednesday 9am Cyril O'Loughlin (anniversary)
30 Thursday 9am Thanksgiving (PM)
31 Friday 9am Private intention
01 Saturday 10am Joan Pryor-Sarjant (sick)

02 Sunday 8am Ray James (lately dead)
 10.30am Baby Gallagher (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.

CONFESSIONS Saturdays 10.30am - 11am.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS are on a page 66 of the Mass Book.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Harry Papa, 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 Lillian Papa, Albert Forster, Karolina Underwood, Colin Edwards, Cyril O'Loughlin, Tony McEvoy, Martin Peters, Norah Peters, Stuart Oliver, Peter McGuinness and all those who have no one to pray for them.

LATELY DEAD Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Ann Heather R.I.P.

<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>
