

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year 16th September 2007

Today we hear Jesus' parables of searching for the lost and welcoming back the one who has strayed. Saints and sinners alike, the Holy Spirit draws us together on this sacred day to praise God for the gift of reconciling love. We celebrate that love as we listen to saving words and partake of the sacred food that sustains and renews us. We lift up our hearts in praise to our God who welcomes us to this celebration.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

I will leave this place and go to my father.

Psalm 50

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

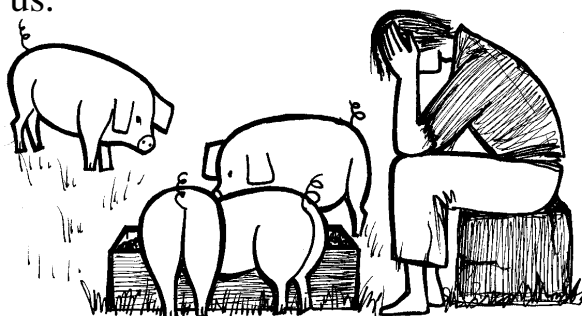
Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O God, how much we value your mercy!
All mankind can gather under your protection.



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	17th	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor
Wednesday	19th	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday	20th	SS Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions, Martyrs
Friday	21st	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

STEPHEN ALBUQUERQUE R.I.P. It is with sadness that we let you know of the death of Stephen Albuquerque R.I.P. last Saturday. We offer our sympathy and prayers to his wife, his family and friends. The Funeral Mass takes place on Friday at 1.15pm followed by committal at Harwood Park Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

HARRY PAPA R.I.P. Harry's Funeral Mass takes place on Tuesday at 11am followed by cremation at 12.15pm.

MICHAEL PATTERSON R.I.P. We can now let you know that the Funeral Mass for Michael Patterson R.I.P. is this Thursday at 11am.

ROSALEEN O'REILLY R.I.P. The Funeral Mass for Rosaleen O'Reilly takes place on Thursday at 1.30pm and is followed by burial at Hatfield Lawn Cemetery. We offer our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.

PLEASE NOTE On Tuesday and Thursday there will be no 9am Mass, other days are as normal.

TAMALE 'HARVEST PRODUCE' SALE This takes place after both Masses next Sunday 23rd September. Contributions of jams, pickles, garden produce (including plants) and cakes very welcome.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUPS Both groups meet again this Tuesday at 3.45pm. Come along and learn about your faith and at the same time get to know other parish children in a relaxed environment. All children from about the age of 3+ are welcome to attend. Details from Kathryn (322579 or home 331906).

THE CUMBERLEGE COMMISSION This Commission was set up to review the Nolan Report (Child Protection). Please take a leaflet 'Safeguarding with Confidence' which outlines priorities and recommendations, and also tells you how you can obtain a copy of the full report should you wish to have one.

ARE YOU PLANNING A TRIP TO THE RUBBISH TIP? There are bags of rubbish in the presbytery garden (by the gates) which are a mixture of garden refuse and other rubbish which the normal collections won't take. If you are planning to take your own rubbish to the tip Fr. Joe would be grateful if you could collect a bag from the garden and dispose of it along with your rubbish. Be warned the bags have been there for some time and there are probably a few worms and slugs attached to them so your car will need some protection! Thank you very much.

APF - RED BOXES Please bring your Red Boxes in as soon as possible, they can be left in the sacristy, presbytery or hand them to your promoter. Thank you.

UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE If you are at or about to start at the University of Hertfordshire in Hatfield please be aware that there is an active Catholic Chaplaincy with hundreds of Catholic students from around the world. Father Mark and the Catholic Society look forward to welcoming you to a full programme of spiritual and social events, talks and visits both on campus and at St. Peter's Church in Hatfield. For details visit www.uhcathsoc.org.

SVP AWARENESS MONTH As part of SVP Awareness Month a member of the SVP will speak about the work of the Society after both Masses next Sunday.

PASTORAL COUNCIL The next meeting is Tuesday 2nd October 7.30pm. You will receive the agenda next week.

WALSINGHAM There is a Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham led by Bishop Alan Hopes taking place on Sunday 30th September. One of the departure points is Our Lady's Church, Woodhall at 8am. Tickets are £12 adults, £5 children. If you are interested in going please ring Paul Vooght on 01438 359276 or email: vooghtie@hotmail.com. See small poster at the back of church.

MIXED GROUP BARN DANCE Saturday 29th September at Douglas Tilbe House, Hallgrove. In aid of the Christmas Day Dinner Fund and CAFOD project.

CHOIR Choir meetings resume again this Thursday 20th September 8pm - 9pm, new members are very welcome.

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 in April 2008. Please return as soon as possible.

*May God bless you all,
Father Bill*

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 16TH SEPTEMBER

16 Sunday 8am Robert Foster (killed in Afghanistan)
 10.30am Mark Stephens (lately dead)

Weekdays

17 Monday 9am Eucharistic Service
18 Tuesday 11am Funeral Mass for Harry Papa R.I.P.
19 Wednesday 9am Kpt. Olgierd Maculewicz (anniversary)
20 Thursday 11am Funeral Mass for Michael Patterson R.I.P.
 1.30pm Funeral Mass for Rosaleen O'Reilly R.I.P.
21 Friday 9am Canon Nicholas Kelly (anniversary)
 1.15pm Funeral Mass for Stephen Albuquerque R.I.P.
22 Saturday 10am People of the Parish

23 Sunday 8am Sr. Mary Esther (sick) and her sister Ellie
 10.30am Con Gilhooly (anniversary)

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 74 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.

LATELY DEAD Stephen Albuquerque, Harry Papa, Michael Patterson and Rosaleen O'Reilly, may they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES Please remember Canon Nicholas Kelly, Rosetta Keegans, Teresa Curran, John Melville, Dorris Spear, Bill McDevitt, Alice Gunn, and all those who have no one to pray for them.

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.