

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year 23rd September 2007

Today's first reading begins with the words 'Listen to this'. Let us heed this call and open our ears to words that challenge us deeply. The dark secret of our acquisitive society is that poverty and exploitation are no nearer to being eliminated than in the time of the prophet Amos. Jesus gives us a choice: to serve one of two masters. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in that choice.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Psalm 112

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

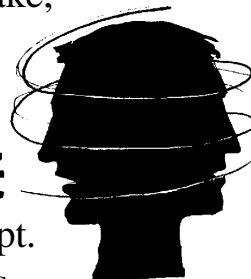
Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor for your sake,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be faithfully kept.
May my footsteps be firm in keeping your commands.

**YOU
CAN'T
SERVE**



**TWO
MASTERS**

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	24th	Our Lady of Walsingham
Wednesday	26th	SS Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Thursday	27th	St. Vincent de Paul
Friday	28th	St. Wenceslaus, Martyr or SS Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

TAMALE 'HARVEST PRODUCE' SALE This takes place after both Masses today. Please go into the hall after Mass and buy some cakes and other produce to support the Tamale project.

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 today.

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.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP VISIT TO PIZZA HUT This Tuesday we are all going to the Pizza Hut for tea. We meet in the hall at the usual time of 3.45pm. Bring about £5, this includes pizza, additional toppings, drinks and unlimited visits to the ice cream factory!

PASTORAL COUNCIL The next meeting is Tuesday 2nd October 7.30pm. Members will receive the agenda during the week. The topics for discussion are CAFOD, APF, SVP, Tamale, Eucharistic Ministry and Finance. Should any parishioners have any ideas, particularly for raising awareness of the topics please put them in writing (marked Pastoral Council) and post through the presbytery letter box by next Sunday.

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 contact your co-ordinator Valerie Skottowe on 324828 (email: valerie@tonyandvalerie.plus.com) or sign the list which can be found at the back of the church, by 15th October. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS The average weekly offerings for the month of August came to £1074.10, this amount includes offertory envelopes, standing orders and loose plate. Thank you all for your generosity.

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.

THE JOHN HENRY NEWMAN SCHOOL OPEN EVENING The John Henry Newman School warmly invites parents of Year 6 pupils to an Open Evening on Thursday, 4th October from 6.30pm. Prospectuses and Application Forms will be available on the evening and the headteacher will start his talk at 8.30pm. At the back of the church there are some leaflets detailing the school's exam results for this year.

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 23RD SEPTEMBER

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

Weekdays

24 Monday 9am Eucharistic Service
25 Tuesday 9am Betty Wheatley (lately dead)
26 Wednesday 9am Stephen Albuquerque (lately dead)
27 Thursday 9am Mary E. Mackell R.I.P.
28 Friday 9am Thanksgiving - St. Joseph
29 Saturday 10am Mary Marley (anniversary)

30 Sunday 8am Stephen Albuquerque (lately dead)
 10.30am Catherine Heather (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 77 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 John Toland, John Aldridge, 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>
