

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Thirtieth Sunday of the Year 28th October 2007

Today's first reading reminds us that our God is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed. We are gathered today in God's name to cry out for mercy, forgiveness, and healing both for this community and for all who suffer in any way. Aware of these needs we begin this Mass seeking strength and hope as we continue our Christian journey as God's beloved family.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

The poor man called; the Lord heard him.

Psalm 33

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will rejoice at the victory of God
and make our boast in his great name.



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	29th	Blessed Martyrs of Douai College
Thursday	1st	All Saints
Friday	2nd	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
Saturday	3rd	St. Martin de Porres, Religious

ALL SAINTS Thursday is the Feast of All Saints and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at 10.30am and 7pm.

LATIN MASS SOCIETY The Latin Mass Society will celebrate the Vigil Mass of All Saints on Wednesday 31st October at 7.30pm.

FIRST FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER This day is the **Feast of All Souls**, there will be Mass at the usual time of 9am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12noon when it will conclude with the celebration of Benediction. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord praying not only the sick, but also for our deceased relatives and friends. Please sign the Watching Rota at the back of the church.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND Sick and retired priests need your help. There are already 90 retired priests in the diocese and 70 more are due to retire over the next ten years. These priests have given their lives to the church and it is important that we pray for them as they grow older. But it is also important that we ensure that they receive the care that they require when they need it and there will be a special collection for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund next weekend. Please take a donation envelope and give as much as you can in the second collection next weekend.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL Operation Christmas Child is a charity that delivers shoe boxes filled with gifts for less fortunate children all over the world. We are looking for filled shoe boxes to send. You can fill a whole box or bring 1 or 2 items on the list for us to use to make boxes. Leaflets and posters with all the necessary information on suitable items are available at the back of church. Closing date is Sunday 11th November and contributions can be left with Kathryn or in the box on the filing cabinet near the Confessional.

HALLOWEEN AND FIREWORK FUN There is a Halloween and Fireworks Party for children on this Tuesday from 3.45pm - 6pm. There will be games and spooky tea, followed by fireworks. Please bring a small amount of food. Parents may stay but need to be dressed for the occasion! Parents who don't attend the party are asked to return at 5.25pm so that there is maximum supervision for the fireworks. We ask for a donation of £2 per child to cover some of our costs.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CARDINAL ‘This weekend we mark the 40th anniversary of the Abortion Act. Together with Cardinal Keith O’Brien, I have written an open letter to the people of this country. Whilst stating the Catholic Church’s opposition to abortion we plead for a change of heart and mind so that women who find themselves with a pregnancy which they do not want can obtain the counselling and practical assistance that they need in order to bring their child to birth. Please take home and read the letter enclosed with your newsletter. Please give witness to the sanctity of human life from conception to its natural end in any way that is possible for you. It is of crucial importance.’

CAFOD ANNUAL LECTURE - Friday, 16th Nov. at 7.15pm. “Live simply: our global challenge.” QEII Conference Centre, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster. Tickets £6. Contact: Yoly Matro on 333541 or email: focolare.colgrove@ntlworld.com. A coach has been booked and will be leaving from St. Bonaventure’s.

‘LIVE SIMPLY’ SERVICE Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 1st December. Coach pick up from Holy Family at 1pm. Contact Bridie on 326709 if you would like a seat on the coach.

CONCERT FOR CAFOD 7.15pm, Saturday 17th November at St. Francis’ Church. Music will be performed by Megumi Nagae (violin), a student at the Royal College of Music, and Stephen Gutman (piano) Professor of Piano at the Guildhall School of Music. Tickets are £7.50, £5 concessions, children free, and can be obtained from Mavis Cleasby 330830 or Kathryn.

CAFE - KNOWING GOD EVEN BETTER The course ‘Knowing God Even Better’ commences on Wednesday 7th November at 7.45pm (for 8pm) and finishes at 9.30pm. Please take a leaflet with your newsletter today.

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS November is a month of special prayer for the Holy Souls. There are lists for you to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends in the basket at the back of church. Masses will be offered for those mentioned in the lists during November. Please place your list in the envelope provided, together with your donation. The lists of names will be on the altar during all Masses in November and can be added to at any time.

MOTHER AND TODDLER Busy Fingers - craft for children comes to the group this Wednesday.

TAMALE/SVP PRE-ADVENT SALE This takes place on Sunday 18th November after both Masses. Contributions for the raffle, tomola, bottles of all sorts, bric-a-brac, cakes and produce all gratefully received. There will be containers at the back of the church, near the baptistery.

*May God bless you all,
Father Bill*

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 28TH OCTOBER

28 Sunday	8am	Roger Shelford (anniversary)
	10.30am	Nicola Coles (sick)
Weekdays		
29 Monday	9am	Eucharistic Service
30 Tuesday	9am	Joan Pryor-Sarjant (sick)
31 Wednesday	9am	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
	7.30pm	Latin Mass Society (Vigil Mass)
01 Thursday	10.30am	John Davey (lately dead)
	7pm	Florencia Marcelo Muceros and Guillermo Muleros (R.I.P.)
02 Friday	9am	Holy Souls
03 Saturday	10am	Holy Souls
04 Sunday	8am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Peter James Smith (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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT First Friday of the month
from 9.30am concluding with **BENEDICTION at 12noon**

CONFESSIONS Saturdays 10.30am - 11am.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS are on a page 89 of the Mass Book.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Nicola Coles (a young mother in the parish), Debrae Betts, Colin Wright, Susan Hughes, Kathleen Campbell, Teresa Mitchell, Jim Crowe, Charlie Botwright, Maureen Botwright, 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 Cyril Doyle, Mollie Tedcastle, Walter Donnelly, Mary E. Mackell, 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>
