

# *ST. BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH*

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## **Thirty-third Sunday of the Year 18th November 2007**

Both the prophet Malachi and the Lord Jesus present us with images of the end times. Both present frightening prospects. Yet their conclusions offer hope for those who persevere in faith. Instead of spending time trying to guess when the end will come, we are encouraged to direct our efforts to working for God's reign here on earth. Let today's readings inspire us to spend our time doing works of Christian charity. Let us stand ready for the day of redemption.

### **RESPONSE TO THE PSALM**

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

*Psalm 97*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.  
Alleluia!

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

It is good for me to be with the Lord  
and to put my hope in him.



*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**

Wednesday	21st	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday	22nd	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Friday	23rd	St. Clement 1, Pope and Martyr
Saturday	24th	SS Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

**\*TAMALE AND SVP PRE-ADVENT FAIR\*** Come the hall after Mass today and support the Tamale and SVP Pre-Advent Fayre.

**REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** During our 10.30am Mass today we will be remembering all those in our parish who have died in the last 12 months. The names of the deceased will be read out and a candle will be lighted in remembrance of each person. Those who died in the last year are Kathleen Comer, Frank Meenan, Herbert Newman, Bridget Bramwell, Ivy Wright, Catherine Heather, Harry Papa , Michael Patterson, Rosaleen O'Reilly and Stephen Albuquerque. May they rest in peace.

**SVP COLLECTION** At both Masses on Sunday 2nd December there will be a collection specifically for the work of the SVP at Christmas.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2008** We now have the date for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is Saturday 19th April 2008 at 7pm. Our first meeting for candidates will be on Friday 25th January at 8pm. Details will be sent out to each candidate before that date. There are green forms at the back of the church for those who have yet to apply. It is not too late.

**CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP** This week the 7-11's meet again at 3.45pm. All children welcome.

**NATIVITY PLAY** Once again as part of our Carol Service on 16th December there will be a Nativity Play. All children/young people are invited to take part. Our first rehearsal date is Sunday 2nd December from 2.30pm - 4pm. (We have quite a few rehearsals but we welcome everyone however often they can get to a rehearsal. It is a good opportunity for us all to work together, helping each other and sharing ideas.) More details next week.

**SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND** This fund remains open until the end of November. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church.

**‘CAFOD LIVE SIMPLY’ SERVICE** Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 1st December. Coach pick up from Holy Family at 1pm, Our Lady’s at 1.15pm and St. Bonaventure’s at 1.30pm. Contact Bridie on 326709 if you would like a seat on the coach. The service begins at 3pm and will be attended by the Cardinal and Catholics from Westminster, Southwark, Brentwood and Arundel and Brighton.

**YOU ARE INVITED** The members of the Focolare Community invite you to celebrate the Reopening of the Focolare Centre for Unity on Saturday 1st December from 2.30pm - 4.30pm.

**PREPARE FOR ADVENT** Come along to the lounge of Our Lady’s Parish Centre for the third session of ‘Getting to Know God Even Better’. Wednesday evening at 7.45pm (for 8pm) finishing at 9.30pm, or Wednesday morning after the 9.30am Mass in the sacristy.

**WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP** Rites of Passage - A series of panel discussion on how the different faith communities mark key stages of life. ‘Birth’ - Monday 3rd December 7.45pm in St. Francis Church Hall. Further details contact Valerie Skottowe on 01707 324828. For future Interfaith events please see the card on the notice board.

**A MEETING FOR POLISH PEOPLE** Sometimes it’s hard to find yourself in a foreign country and you might need help with finding employment, getting entitlements, schooling, etc. Come to the Hatfield Resource Centre (next to Pizza Hut) on 22nd November from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Any queries please contact Michal on 01923 672964 between 3.15 - 5.30pm.

**YOUR OFFERINGS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH** The average weekly collection for the month of October came to £1,284.23. This includes weekly envelopes, standing orders and loose. Thank you for your generosity.

**CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL** Thank you to all those who filled boxes. Next year we hope to start this earlier so that people have more time to fill them. Our boxes were taken over to Holy Family School where they will be collected.

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE** Saturday 24th November from 12 noon until 3pm. Come and do some Christmas shopping.

*May God bless you all,*

*Father Bill*

## SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 18TH NOVEMBER

**18 Sunday**            8am            Mary and Betty Daly (anniversary)  
                              10.30am       Jane McMurtrie (lately dead)

### Weekdays

19 Monday            9am            Eucharistic Service  
20 Tuesday           9am            Selwyn Sirr (lately dead)  
21 Wednesday       9am            Maddalena Zago (anniversary)  
22 Thursday          9am            November Dead List  
23 Friday             9am            Thomas Conroy (lately dead)  
24 Saturday          10am           Henry and Ethel Crowe R.I.P.

25 Sunday            8am            William Arthur Silvester (anniversary)  
                              10.30am       November Dead List

**Please note:** There is Mass at 7pm every Sunday in Holy Family Church

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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 97 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.

**LATELY DEAD** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ted Jordan, may he rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Please remember Claire Bruce, Eddie Smith, Joseph Flanagan, Jack France, Rita Evans, Harold Miles, Derek Lancaster, Maddalena Zago, Vera Pryor-Sarjant, Fred Campbell, and all those who have no one to pray for them.

<p><b>CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II HOSPITAL:</b> If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplain, Mrs Bernadette Cassidy, on 07623 897178.</p>
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