

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Easter Sunday 23rd March 2008

HE IS NOT HERE



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.

CONGRATULATIONS We congratulate Gordon Groves who is to be received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church during our Easter Vigil.

THANK YOU Thank you to everyone who prepared and participated in the holy liturgies of the Easter Triduum. May God bless you all.

EASTER MONDAY Please note that Mass will be celebrated at 10am on Easter Monday. Mass times for the rest of the week are as usual.

CAFOD LUNCH Please come to the CAFOD lunch this Friday from 12 noon to 1.30pm. Homemade soups, bread and delicious puddings. All this for £3 and no washing up!

CHILDREN'S EASTER WORKSHOP We had a very successful Easter Workshop on Tuesday afternoon, attended by 59 of our children. The children and adults enjoyed themselves and, most importantly learnt about the meaning of Easter in a very practical way by planting the Easter Garden and by making their own gardens which were really beautiful this year. After our Children's Mass this Sunday the outdoor garden will be blessed, please follow Father Joe as he processes down the aisle.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES For those who are in the envelope scheme your new envelopes are at the back of the church. If you don't use envelopes and would like a set please fill in the card on the table near the baptistery and return it to the presbytery.

LOURDES FUNDRAISING We have six young parishioners who will be giving up a week of their summer holidays to go to Lourdes as Redcaps helping the sick and disabled this July. In the next few weeks these young people will be asking you to sponsor them for a walk they will be doing on Sunday 13th April.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP We have a break now until after the holidays and meet again on Tuesday 15th April.

MOTHER AND TODDLER The Mother and Toddler group also has a break now until Wednesday 9th April.

NEW TO THE PARISH? Please fill in a Parish Registration form that you will find in the leaflet dispensers at the back of the church. Please return to the Presbytery.

NEED SOME HELP IN THE HOUSE? A young lady from Romania is looking for some work and would be willing to do cleaning, caring etc. Contact Kathryn in the parish office.

YOUR OFFERINGS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH The average weekly collection for the month of February came to £955.43. This includes weekly envelopes, standing orders and loose. Thank you for your continued and very generous support of the parish.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTER FAITH GROUP Due to public concern about current parliamentary bills affecting ethics and morals, the Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group decided that the subject for this year's public meeting would be how such decisions are made. Two MPs, and a member of the House of Lords will be the speakers. Monday 7th April 7.45pm - 10pm in the Terrace Suite, Campus West. Please see the poster on the notice board, and pick up an invitation from the back of the church. RSVP to 01707 324828 for catering purposes.

FATHER BILL You will be pleased to know that Father Bill is doing well after his recent operation.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY We are in need of more Eucharistic Ministers. If you feel you can offer yourself for this ministry please speak to Peter Bell 01707 325512.

CAN YOU HELP? A parishioner living in Barn Close needs a lift to 10.30am Mass on some Sunday mornings. Please let Kathryn know if you can help.

'Almighty God, our Father, you have redeemed us by the death and resurrection of your only Son Jesus Christ and given us your Holy Spirit that we may be your witnesses in the world: banish the powers of darkness and sin from the minds of those who refuse to believe in your name and open their hearts to your gospel that they may believe in you and become temples of your Holy Spirit. Grant also that we who believe in you may be effective ministers of your Word to those whose lives have not been touched by your saving grace. We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.'

BRITISH SUMMERTIME Don't forget, clocks go forward next weekend!

May God bless you all,

Father Bill

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 23RD MARCH

22 Saturday	7pm	People of the Parish
23 Sunday	8am	Anna Ratcliffe (intentions)
	10.30am	Archie Cuthill Wood (anniversary)

Weekdays

24 Monday	10am	Rita Ryan (lately dead)
25 Tuesday	9am	Walter Dziura (anniversary)
26 Wednesday	9am	Maria Lobo R.I.P.
27 Thursday	9am	Thanksgiving
28 Friday	9am	Anna O' Donoghue R.I.P.
29 Saturday	10am	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
30 Sunday	8am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Alice Ellis and Elizabeth Hartwell (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 after Mass and the Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

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 121 (134) of the Mass Books.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Austin Beck, Fr. Bill, Anna Ratcliffe, Theresa Head, Howard Archer, John Saunders, Catherine Conroy, Debrae Betts, Colin Wright, Susan Hughes, Kathleen Campbell, Teresa Mitchell, Charlie Botwright, Maureen Botwright, Phyllis Coughlan, Meg Ansell, Marjorie Davis, Peter Conroy, Nora O'Loughlin, Pat Wells, Ted Evans, Ruth Bauer-Flynn, Mollie Brennan, 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 Annie Rogers, Bob Humphreys, Bill Foster, Patrick and Laurence Lee, Margaret O'Leary, Fleur O'Mahoney, Mark Hayes, 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.