

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Ascension of the Lord 4th May 2008

The mystery of the Ascension is all about the Lord's enduring presence. Jesus promises his continued presence in and through the power of the Holy Spirit until he comes at the end of time. His final command to this disciples was to go into the whole world, baptising in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we listen to the scriptures let the words of St. Paul to the Ephesians inspire us. May we know the hope that belongs to Christ's call.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

God goes out with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Psalm 46

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

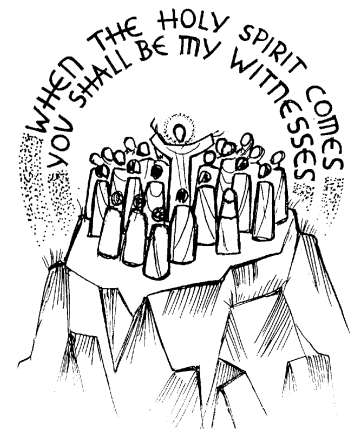
Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all nations; I am with you always;
yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia.



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.

PLEASE NOTE There is Mass at 10am this Bank Holiday Monday.

LOURDES FUNDRAISING Thank you to all those who have supported our Redcaps by sponsoring them. If you have sponsored our young people but haven't yet paid your money please put it in an envelope (there are some plain brown envelopes at the back for you to use) with your name and hand it in to the presbytery.

FOCOLARE MOVEMENT The members of the Focolare Movement invite you to join them at a Mass of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Chiara Lubich on Monday, 19th May at 7.00pm in The Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway. Celebrant: Bishop George Stack.

SAINSBURY AND TESCO SCHOOL VOUCHERS If you are not already donating your vouchers to a local school there is a basket at the back of the church for these vouchers which will be given to Holy Family School and Our Lady School; these are the Catholic primary schools serving our parish. We have had a good response so far, thank you.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP This Tuesday all groups meet again and we learn about and celebrate Pentecost. Come and decorate a Pentecost cake. All welcome. 3.45pm.

'THE LIFE OF CHRIST' - Sunday 29th June 2008. Now in its tenth year, this magnificent, five-hour, open-air play in three acts, will be staged again this summer at the Wintershall Estate in Surrey, possibly for the last time. A coach trip has been organised, by Our Lady's Parish for Sunday, 29th June, departing from Welwyn Garden City at 7.45am and returning by about 6pm. Cost is £25 for adults and £17.50 for under-18s. More details on leaflets at back of church. To book, phone Sandy McKay on 01438 718525 or Norman Merry on 01707 326089.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS Please pray for all the children in our three parishes in Welwyn Garden City who are about to receive Holy Communion for the first time. St. Bonaventure's children have their Mass at 12 noon on Sunday 15th June, Holy Family have two Masses, at 12.30pm next Sunday and the Sunday after, and in Our Lady's parish the reception of First Holy Communion takes place during normal Mass times over several weeks. Please pray that these young children always stay close to the Lord Jesus.

CONGRATULATIONS We congratulate Abbie Duffett and Andrew Pearce who were married here on Friday. We wish them a long and happy life together.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTERFAITH GROUP Rites of Passage - A series of panel discussions on how the different faith communities mark key stages of life. 'Death' is the last in this series. Monday 12th May at 7.45pm in St. Francis Church Hall. There is a list at the back of the church for you to write your name if you think you might attend.

ROTAS FOR COLLECTION Tamale coffee rotas, Eucharistic Ministers and Children's Liturgy rotas are awaiting collection from the back of the church.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WELWYN HATFIELD AND EAST HERTS GROUP Focus on Burma. Come and hear two political prisoners speak. 7.30pm Wednesday 7th May at the Focolare Centre.

MIXED GROUP Charity Concert in aid of the Christmas Day Dinner Fund. Given by Positif Chamber Choir - an evening of song for all to enjoy. Admission £5. 7.30pm Saturday 10th May at Templewood School. Telephone 325278/327771 for tickets and more information.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN AND TIDY?

We are in urgent need of more volunteers to help clean the church each week. At present the job is left to a dedicated few. If there were more helpers the job wouldn't come round too often (there is a rota). If you think you (and maybe a friend) could help, or would like more information as to what is involved then please put your name and phone number on the list at the back of the church. You can clean at a time that is convenient to you. So far we have two names on the list, it would be good to have some more.

LIGHTS If you sit in the side aisle you will have noticed that the bulbs in the lamps need replacing. In the interests of safety we need to replace the actual lamps and this may take a few weeks so please be patient.

Mighty God, your Son ascended to the throne of power in heaven, that he might be Lord over all things for his people. We pray that the worship and service of the church may be inspired by his presence, and that he will remain with us always, to the end of the age. Amen.

From Collects with the New Lectionary

May God bless you all,

Father Bill

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 4TH MAY

04 Sunday 8am Joan O’Keeffe (lately dead)
 10.30am Evelyn Coleman (anniversary)

Weekdays

05 Monday 10am Michael Burke (1st anniversary)
06 Tuesday 9am John Keown (lately dead)
07 Wednesday 9am Mary McBride (lately dead)
08 Thursday 9am Emma Crowe R.I.P.
09 Friday 9am Thanksgiving to God
10 Saturday 10am People of the Parish
 1pm Wedding Service

11 Sunday 8am Patterson family intentions
 10.30am Lydia Gallagher (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 Page 136(150) of the Mass Books.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Phelim O’Neil, 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 Michael Burke, 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.