

# ST. BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Pentecost Sunday 11th May 2008

Ninety days ago we were signed with ashes as we began our Lenten journey. We have travelled the road of Lent; celebrated the passion, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ; and extended that celebration of the paschal mystery for fifty days of the Easter season. Today, the day of Pentecost, we come to the end of this ninety day journey. Let this place resound with joy as we acknowledge the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in whom we live and move and have our being.

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.

*Psalm 103*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!



### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke of the great things God had done, 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.

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

Tuesday            13th Our Lady of Fatima  
Wednesday        14th St. Matthias, Apostle

**PETER CLEGG R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Clegg who died on Thursday morning. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his wife Margorie, his family and friends. The Funeral Mass in on Thursday at 1.30pm.

**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.

**ROSARY CARDS** There are a few Mystery of Light rosary cards at the back of church. Please take one.

**SAINSBURY AND TESCO SCHOOL VOUCHERS** 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. The response to this has been excellent. Keep bringing them in, thanks.

**CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP** This Tuesday all groups meet again and we prepare for our Children's Mass. All welcome. 3.45pm.

**FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN** We meet again on Saturday when we learn about God's Greatest Gift to us. Parents are reminded that we have a short meeting at the end of the lesson. It is essential that all parents attend this meeting.

**CHILDREN'S MASS** 10.30am next Sunday. The theme is Jesus sends us out to do his work, which is based on the Gospel of the day.

**'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.

**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. This 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.

**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.

**USED STAMPS** Don't throw your used postage stamps in the bin, they can be used to help the missions. Bring them to church and put them in the basket provided. We shall pass them on to Holy Family CAFOD group.

**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 this Sunday and the Sunday after, and in Our Lady's parish the children have their Mass at 2pm on 29th June.

**APF AND MILL HILL RETURNS for 2007** Last year the Red boxes (used by some of our parishioners) and the standing orders came to £1,163. Many thanks to all who contributed. The total raised by the Diocese of Westminster was £220,363 and the overall figure for England and Wales was £3,153,687. The APF is the missionary arm of the Catholic Church and is known throughout the third world for its compassionate care of people in Africa and Asia. One comment from the bishop of Yei, Sudan was that whilst other agencies come and go, the APF is the one body that stays for the long haul, year after year. Do take time to look at the posters on the pillars at the back of the church, you will then see where all this money goes. There is also a list of all the Mission martyrs of 2007, please remember them in your prayers. Perhaps you may wish to consider having a red collection box or giving a donation once a year. For further information please phone Mavis Cleasby on 01707 330830.

**THE HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY BILL** For those of you who didn't fill in one of the postcards 'Now is the time to draw the line', (which were available for 4 weeks in February and March,) indicating your concerns about the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill there is a further opportunity for you to do so this weekend as these cards will be available after both Masses. All you need to do is put on a stamp, your MP's name, and your details. Please do not fill in another card if you did so before. Thank you.

*May God bless you all,  
Father Bill*

## SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 11TH MAY

**11 Sunday**            8am            Patterson family intentions  
                             10.30am       Lydia Gallagher (anniversary)

### **Weekdays**

12 Monday            9am            Eucharistic Service  
13 Tuesday           9am            Fr. Bill's intentions  
14 Wednesday       9am            Mary E. Mackell R.I.P.  
15 Thursday          9am            John McGeehan (anniversary)  
                             1.30pm        Funeral Mass for Peter Clegg R.I.P.  
16 Friday             9am            Thanksgiving  
17 Saturday          10am           People of the Parish

18 Sunday            8am            Mary Lorimer (lately dead)  
                             10.30am       Tommy Kenny (aged 10yrs, 1st anniversary)

**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** Page 25(22) of the Mass Book.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Bridget Gardiner, 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.

**LATELY DEAD** Pray for Peter Clegg, and Peter Bultler. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Please remember Bernadette Ginley, Doris Donnelly, Michael Barratt, Mary Azzopardi, John Gallagher, John McGeehan, Agnes Rowland, Ruby Wrixon, Eugene Gallagher, Joseph Jolly, 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.