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Ninth Sunday of the Year 1st June 2008

As we prepare to listen to God's word today remember Moses' inspiring words: 'Let these words of mine remain in your heart and in your soul.' Today these words call us to deeper faith. The Lord Jesus tells us that listening to these words is not enough; we must act on them. Once we do this we build our spiritual house on solid foundations. We open mind and heart to the action of the Holy Spirit through the proclamation of God's Word.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Psalm 30

Be a rock of refuge for me, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I call upon you, God, for you will answer me;
bend your ear and hear my prayer.



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	3rd	SS Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday	5th	St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Friday	6th	St. Norbert, Bishop

FIRST FRIDAY 6TH JUNE There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 6th June from after 9am Mass until 12noon when it will conclude with Benediction. This day is an opportunity to pray for all our sick relatives and friends, those in the Q.E II hospital and the Isabel Hospice. Please sign the watching rota at the back of the church.

LOURDES FUNDRAISING So far we have raised £2,170.14. £1382.30 was raised through the generosity of the parishioners who sponsored our young people. Thank you very much. Other monies were raised through activities organised by the young people who will be attending a training day on 29th June. We still have over £1000 to find so the fundraising will continue and it is hoped to have a cake sale in the near future.

CAFOD LUNCH The CAFOD lunch on Friday raised £217. Thank you to all who came and gave their support. There is no CAFOD lunch in June.

SAINSBURY AND TESCO SCHOOL VOUCHERS Keep bringing the vouchers in, thank you. This is the last week that you can obtain vouchers from these stores.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP All groups meet again this Tuesday 3.45pm.

WELWYN HATFIELD INTER FAITH GROUP The Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group invites you to a talk 'From Dialogue to Action' on Monday 23rd June at 7.45pm, in St. Francis' Church Hall. The talk, given by David Jonathan of the Grassroots organisation in Luton, tells about how people from different faiths and background work together for the building up of community relationships. This will be the last talk of the current series but we have great plans for the future which we hope to share with you after David's presentation.

READERS Please collect your new rotas from the basket at the back of the church.

USED STAMPS Bring them to church and put them in the basket provided. We shall pass them on to Holy Family CAFOD group. There has been a good response to this appeal and we shall continue to collect stamps indefinitely.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS Please pray for the twenty-three children in our parish who are soon to receive Holy Communion for the first time. Our First Communion Mass is at 12 noon on Sunday 15th June. On this day the 10.30am Mass will be a quiet Mass without hymns. Please pray that these young children always stay close to the Lord Jesus. The photographs of our children can be seen on the notice board near the Confessional, normal parish notices are on the other side of the board. Please note that the 12 noon First Communion Mass is our Children's Mass for the month of June. In July our Children's 'Thank You' Mass is on the second Sunday of the month, 13th July.

FIRST COMMUNION 2009 Application forms for First Holy Communion in 2009 are available at the back of the church. Children must be born before 1st September 2001 to be eligible to receive Holy Communion in 2009 (i.e. they must be in at least Year 3 from September 2008). Preparation begins on Saturday 20th September at 10.30am and takes place one a month.

CHOIR MEETING There is a meeting this Thursday at 8pm in the church for all choir members and anyone else who is interested in singing. Even if you feel you cannot commit to regular practices come along on Thursday and give your views about when we should meet, etc. Hope to see you there.

CHARITY BOX Donations in the Charity Box from now until July will go to the St. Elizabeth's Centre for people with epilepsy and special needs in Much Hadham.

CATHOLIC PAPERS The sale of Catholic papers is down at present. Reading these papers is one way of finding out what is happening in the Catholic Church today. If sales don't pick up we shall have to cut down the number of copies ordered.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR This takes place on Sunday 29th June from 12pm - 3pm. All are welcome, please come along and support the school. The school would welcome volunteers to help set up on the day, or if you enjoy cooking by baking big cakes. Contact Riza Apelo on 01707 261967.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CHIARA LUBICH You are warmly invited to attend a Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Chiara Lubich and her work for unity and dialogue at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 21st June at 3pm in the presence of Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor and Archbishop Rowan Williams. There will be a coach leaving from the Focolare Centre on the day. To book a place on the coach contact Yoly Matro on 333541.

*May God bless you all,
Father Bill*

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 1ST JUNE

01 Sunday 8am Aline Wood (lately dead)
 10.30am Mary McBride (lately dead)

Weekdays

02 Monday 9am Eucharistic Service
03 Tuesday 9am Bishop Ignatius Prieto (lately dead)
04 Wednesday 9am Anna O'Donoghue R.I.P.
05 Thursday 9am Aline Wood (lately dead)
06 Friday 9am Alex Lewis (intentions)
07 Saturday 10am Catherine Butler (intentions)

08 Sunday 8am Ellen Crowe R.I.P.
 10.30am John 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.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Alex Lewis, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES Please remember Catherine Bradley, Grainne Fitzackerly, Dr. John James Wolfe, Anna Vagnoni, Margaret Mary Ryan, Denis Dunne, Alice Mary Kilkenny, 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>
