

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Eleventh Sunday of the Year 15th June 2008

In baptism we are made God's very own sons and daughters in Christ Jesus. Those who are lost are found. Those who are sick are healed. Those who walk in darkness now live in the light of God's life. The Lord's heart is moved with pity and love as he looks upon us, his holy and faithful people. Mindful of Christ's presence in this gathering of believers, let us conform our hearts to his and lift up prayers of praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

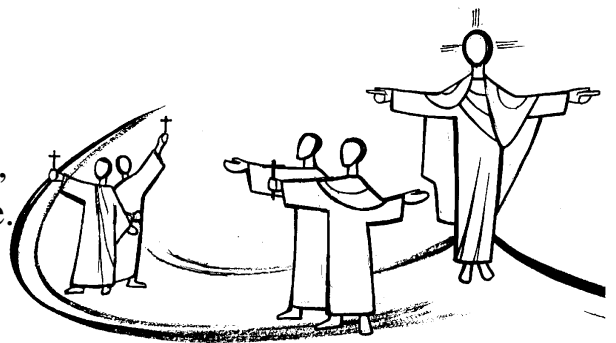
Psalm 99

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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

Monday	16th	St. Richard of Chichester, Bishop
Thursday	19th	St. Romuald, Abbott
Friday	20th	St. Alban, Protomartyr of Britain
Saturday	21st	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS We congratulate and pray for our young children receiving Holy Communion for the first time today during 12 noon Mass: Andrew Dixon, Ewan Wilson, Thomas Cottee, Samuel Hnatiuk, Kyle Tormey, Natasha Staniforth, Keely Farrell, Armand Marsh, Patrick Feery, Luke Burton, Laurence Burton, Joe Shine, Jonathan Van Hek, Ailis McSweeney, Melissa Doran, Jessica Ashworth, Cameron Boon, Reece Attfield, Harry Macer, Lewis Douglas and Aaron Smith. Very many thanks to all those who have helped in any way to make this a very special day for these children. You are all invited to refreshments in the parish hall after Mass.

DISABLED TOILET FACILITIES By law we are required, if possible, to have toilet facilities for the disabled. Here at St. Bonaventure's it has been in the planning stages for some time. We are now in a position to be able to tell you that a toilet is to be built onto the back of the church hall (access will be from the hall through a door which will be where the back window is). The cost of this work has been approved by the Finance Committee and building work is expected to begin on Monday 23rd June. We hope there will be minimal disruption to users of the hall. The main problem during building work is that the garden behind the hall will be out of use and also the presbytery garden, this is for everyone's safety. At some stage in the building work they will break through to the hall and it is possible that hall use may be restricted for a short while. You will be informed via the newsletter of any developments. It is anticipated that the work will take eight weeks.

LOURDES FUNDRAISING We are hoping to have a cake sale on Sunday 13th July after both Masses. Donations for this will be very welcome.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP This Tuesday the 7-11's meet from 3.45pm - 4.45pm. New children are always very welcome to come and learn a little more about their faith.

SAINSBURY AND TESCO SCHOOL VOUCHERS Keep bringing the vouchers in, thank you.

CHOIR We meet this Thursday from 8pm - 9pm.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP GEORGE STACK (What follows is a copy of the statement read last Sunday). Fr. Peter Maher will shortly be leaving Our Lady Queen of Apostles to become parish priest of Our Lady and St. Michael in Garston. I would like to thank him for his outstanding work at Our Lady's and look forward to working with him in the new circumstances at Garston. He will be succeeded by Fr. Norbert Fernandes who is currently parish priest of St. Thomas's in Fulham. Fr. Norbert will assume responsibility as parish priest of Welwyn Garden City. This means, in addition to his role as parish priest at Our Lady Queen of Apostles, he will also be responsible for St. Bonaventure's in Parkway which has been under the care of Fr. Bill McConalogue at Holy Family. Fr. Bill will remain as parish priest of Holy Family. The pattern of ministry to be undertaken by Fr. Norbert is part of the ongoing planning and consolidation being undertaken in a number of parishes in Hertfordshire and throughout the Diocese as envisaged by the Cardinal in his document 'Communion and Mission - Pastoral Priorities for the Diocese of Westminster'. Fr. Norbert returns to Hertfordshire having worked at Watford before moving to Fulham ten years ago. He will be very welcome.

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.

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.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL LEMS福德 This Wednesday afternoon we welcome Years 5 and 6 from St. John's School. They will be looking around the church as part of their R.E. work.

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 15TH JUNE

15 Sunday 8am People of the Parish
 10.30am Jim McFadzean (lately dead)
 12noon First Communion children and families

Weekdays

16 Monday 9am Eucharistic Service
17 Tuesday 9am Thanksgiving
18 Wednesday 9am Thanksgiving
19 Thursday 9am Henry Crowe (R.I.P.)
20 Friday 9am Ian Bailey (anniversary)
21 Saturday 10am Sean McGeehan (anniversary)

22 Sunday 8am People of the Parish
 10.30am Joan Pryor-Sarjant (sick)

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.

LATELY DEAD Please pray for Victor Weston and William Newman.

ANNIVERSARIES Please remember Mary O'Donoghue, Elizabeth Dunne, Henry Carrick, Joan Gunn, Annie Campbell, Marian Johnson, Nora Gallagher, Mary Williams, Hannah Doran, Sean McGeehan, 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>
