

# ST. BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Saints Peter and Paul 29th June 2008

Today the Church invites us to listen to stories about two apostles, Saint Peter and Saint Paul. These pillars of the Christian faith were men who, like us, fell into sin. The love of the Lord Jesus was stronger than their sinfulness and, because of their faith in him, they became, in Peter's case, the rock upon which the Church is built and, in Paul's case, the apostle to the Gentiles. As we listen to these sacred words, let us ask God to lift us up out of any weakness of faith and strengthen us as Saint Peter and Saint Paul were strengthened.

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.

And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

Alleluia!

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Peter said: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus answered: You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church.

*Psalm 33*



## *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	1st	Dedication of the Cathedral
Thursday	3rd	St. Thomas, Apostle
Friday	4th	St. Elizabeth of Portugal

**CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER BILL** This Saturday 5th July, Father Bill celebrates the 38th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood. We offer him our congratulations, good wishes and prayers.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** There will be a second collection at both Masses this weekend for Peter's Pence, the annual voluntary contribution to the support of the Pope. The money goes directly to the Pope to use for charity or church expenses.

**DISABLED TOILET FACILITIES** Building work begins this Monday 30th 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 the builders will break through to the hall and it is possible that hall use may be restricted for a short while.

**FIRST FRIDAY 4TH JULY** Due to it being the beginning of the holiday season there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Benediction this month. Visiting of the sick and housebound will take place as usual. Exposition resumes again in October.

**TEA IN THE GARDEN** 'Tea in the Garden' for Tamale. Once again Pat and Peter Lomer are having 'Tea in the Garden' at 19 Handside Lane on the afternoon of Sunday 6th July from 2.30pm - 5pm. There will be tea and cakes, soft drinks, plants for sale, a raffle and bric-a-brac (donations very welcome, these can be left in the hall kitchen for collection on Sunday). Please come along and enjoy the afternoon and at the same time support the education of the children in Tamale, Ghana. Donation on entry will include tea and cakes.

**CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP** This Tuesday all groups meet, 3.45 - 4.45pm. New children are always very welcome to come and learn a little more about their faith.

**CHILDREN'S MASS** Takes place on 14th July (2nd not 3rd Sunday of the month).

**CaFE** It has been decided that this Autumn a CaFE course will take place in Our Lady's Parish Centre lounge for members of our three parishes. The course chosen is 'Believe - reflections on the Creed'. It is to run on Wednesday evenings from 17th September to 22nd October commencing at 7.45pm for 8pm start and finishing at 9.15pm. It will be the usual CaFE format with refreshments and socialising to start followed by a video and the opportunity to discuss in groups the content of the video.

**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 GARDEN CITY ESTATE MANAGEMENT SCHEME** Many parishioners will have received a letter from Tracy Harvey from Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council about the Welwyn Garden City Estate Management Scheme (set up years ago so that residents ensured that alterations to their properties, etc. were in keeping with the original design of the town, this has become somewhat lax of late). To prevent the town from becoming Welwyn Concrete City, and to maintain its unique character it is important that Tracy receives a positive reply in writing to her letter. Please do support her. Thank you.

**SUMMER FETES** Today Holy Family School have their Summer Fair from 12 noon until 3pm. The John Henry Newman School are holding their annual Summer Fête next Sunday 6th July 12 noon - 4pm. Please come and support these schools.

**CAFOD CAR PARK** Next Saturday 5th July the Holy Family CAFOD group will be running the 'Charity Car Park' at Oakland's College in the town centre. So if you are planning to go shopping etc. please use that car park and help to raise money for CAFOD. The cost is £1 half of which goes to CAFOD.

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

**ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS WEEK QUIET HOUR** As part of Alzheimer's Awareness Week (6th - 12th July) the Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Group, in conjunction with the Welwyn Hatfield Branch of the Alzheimer's Society, are holding a Quiet Hour on the theme of 'Love Changes Everything' at 6.30pm on Sunday 6th July at the Jim MacDonald Centre, High View, Hatfield. There will be light refreshments. All are welcome. See poster at the back of the church.

**LOURDES FUNDRAISING** There will be a cake sale on Sunday 13th July after both Masses. Donations for this will be very welcome.

**LOURDES PETITIONS** If you have a special intention you would like to be prayed for at Lourdes there are envelopes available at the back of the church. Please do not put money in the envelopes as these unopened envelopes will be placed in a special box at the back of the altar in the Grotto at Lourdes. These petitions are later burned. Please return to the presbytery by Friday 18th July. Today our Redcaps are in London for a day of training.

*May God bless you all,*

*Father Bill*

## SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 29TH JUNE

**29 Sunday**            8am            Pauline McEleny (intentions)  
                             10.30am      For Vocations (intention of the Catenians)

### **Weekdays**

30 Monday            9am            Eucharistic Service  
01 Tuesday           9am            Fr. Egidio (anniversary of Priesthood)  
02 Wednesday      9am            People of the Parish  
03 Thursday         9am            Joan Codrington (anniversary)  
04 Friday             9am            Fr. Michael Kennedy (anniversary of Priesthood)  
05 Saturday         10am          Fr. Bill (anniversary of Priesthood)

06 Sunday            8am            Roger Macklin (lately dead)  
                             10.30am      People of the Parish

**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 98(101) of the Mass Book.

**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 Danny Reddick, Nina Simpson, Eric Stanley, Joan Codrington, and all those who have no one to pray for them.

<p><b>CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II HOSPITAL:</b> If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplain, Mrs Bernadette Cassidy, on 07623 897178.</p>
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