

# WELWYN GARDEN CITY



**ST. BONAVENTURE**



**OUR LADY,  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



**HOLY FAMILY**

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Today we honour the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Three Persons and yet One God. The greatest Mystery of all which is at the heart of our Christian Faith because this is how Jesus Christ revealed God to us.

There are so many ways of trying to enter more fully into this Mystery: but I think that it is the experience of God in the Mass. which is the most powerful. At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer the priest prays: 'Through him and with him and in him, O God almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours for ever and ever.' And the congregation acclaim 'Amen!'

The 'him' is Jesus Christ made known in Bread and Wine which become his Body and Blood, the outpouring of Love on Calvary and manifested in the Resurrection. Jesus helps us worship the Father. The Holy Spirit comes upon the gifts and transforms them mystically so that we are nourished by the very life of God in Jesus in the Eucharist. We are caught up in the heavenly song of the angels and saints praising God eternally. How wonderful!

The 'Amen' is our 'Yes!' to the Father and unites us with all that Jesus has done for us in response to his Father's will. This week ponder what God the Father is asking of you; reflect on how you can imitate God the Son and be more Christ-like; listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit singing in your ear, stirring up God's presence in your soul and empowering you for God's work. Then with all your might say 'Amen!'

Have a wonderful week and may God bless you in every way. ***Fr. Norbert***

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES** Our Lady's Sunday 5th June at 11.30am and St. Bonaventure's Sunday 12th June at 10.30am. Please keep the children in your prayers. The Mass of Thanksgiving for all the children of our three churches will be on Sunday 19th June at 3pm in Our Lady's.

**AYLESFORD** Last Saturday 47 parishioners went to Aylesford on retreat. The day started off cold but it warmed up by the afternoon! The Rosary was prayed in 10 languages, there was time in silence before the Blessed Sacrament and Mass for the Vigil of Pentecost. All of you were prayed for.

**FILIPINO MASS** The Filipino Community will lead Mass at Our Lady's on Saturday 11th June at 6pm. There will be a gathering in the Hall afterwards with lots of Filipino delights!

**WORKS** Work will start on Monday at St. Bonaventure's to create a beautiful patio area behind the hall. It should take two or three weeks. At Holy Family the floor of the nave is going to be redone with the cracks repaired first. This means the church will have to be closed for a couple of weeks. We will let you know well in advance when the work is going to start.

**CSILLA HIESZ R.I.P.** The Funeral Mass for Csilla is on Tuesday 31st May at 10.15am in Holy Family Church.

**JUNE MINIBUS OUTING** for anyone with limited mobility will be to Van Hage Garden Centre on TUESDAY 7th. Please telephone Kay on 01707 335633.

**AFRICAN MASS** will be on Sunday 10th July at 11.30am. The next planning meeting will be after Our Lady's 11.30 Mass today (Sunday).

**ST. THOMAS BECKET** The relics of St. Thomas Becket will be coming to England from Hungary for a week long pilgrimage and tour of the country. Vespers and Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Cardinal Peter Erdö, Archbishop of Eger-Budapest; the President of Hungary will be there too. The relics will arrive at 4.30pm, with Vespers beginning at 5pm and Mass 5.30pm. All are welcome. This Monday 23rd May.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE BROCHURES** for next year are at the back of our churches.

**WALSINGHAM** There will be a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham for the Year of Mercy on Saturday 9th July. We will have a coach from Welwyn Garden City. Watch this space for more details.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY** 24th July - 2nd August in Krakow, Poland. Steveange Deanery is definitely on for Krakow! Brochures and booking forms are at the back of our churches. The price is £750 including a deposit of £80. Here in WGC our finance committees have agreed to subsidise each young person by £300. So sign up! The next gathering of the group from the Deanery is on Friday 2nd June at 8pm at St. Hilda's (9 Breakspear, Shephall, Stevenage SG2 9SQ). The young people will put on a fundraising Quiz Night on Friday 8th July at 7.45pm.

**FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI** In this country this feast is celebrated on a Sunday so Thursday is not a Holyday of Obligation.

**DVD OF ST. BONAVENTURE'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY MASS** The DVD of the 90th anniversary is ready if any one would like one, the cost is £5 per copy. Call Martin 07768650660 or let Kathryn Hubbard know.

**ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH CLEANING** This will now take place once a month on the first Thursday from 10am to 12noon with a refreshment break. Details next week.

**QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY TEA** The Christian Churches in WGC are going to put on an afternoon tea in Howardsgate on Sunday 12th June 3 - 5pm followed by a 'Songs of Praise'. There will be tea and cakes, bouncy castles, games and face painting - all in the open air! Help will be needed for this event which will be our way of marking this great occasion and reaching out to the wider community. Next week's newsletter will give details of help required on the day.

**DEANERY MISSION OF MERCY - *OUR LADY'S, WGC***

*Come each evening or whenever you are free! We hope to welcome many from the various Deanery Parishes.*

**Monday 6th June**

7.30pm Reflections on Mercy led by Hitchin Parish

8.30pm Social time and refreshments

**Tuesday 7th June**

7.30pm Mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation

led by Letchworth Parish with priests available for Confession

8.30pm Social time and refreshments

**Wednesday 8th June**

7.30pm Mercy through Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

led by Baldock Parish with reflections and silence

8.30pm Social time and refreshments

**Thursday 9th June**

7.30pm Mercy through healing in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick led by Stevenage Parishes with priests available for the Anointing of the Sick

8.30pm Social time and refreshments

**Friday 10th June**

7.30pm Mercy poured out in the Mass led by Welwyn Garden City Parishes

8.30pm Social time and refreshments

**LORETO REUNION 2016 Saturday 25th June 2.30 – 5.30pm** Once again the doors of the school are open to any past pupil and it is a wonderful opportunity to see how the school has changed, hear from the present Head Mrs Maire Lynch about the future and to catch up on the news of your friends who you went to school with. We serve afternoon tea at 3.30pm (for which we ask a contribution of £5 per person) Why not use this as an opportunity to contact as many girls who were in your year and meet up for a chat.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE** how you can help with the Calais situation. Go to the link below for the Seeking Sanctuary update. It gives lists of things needed (please read carefully!), where they can be taken, where you can donate, and how you could volunteer in Calais.

<http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=30016>

Bear in mind that the camp is not run by any one organisation (see Westminster's account in May Westminster Record), and we are not useful if we don't offer our help through one of the channels that volunteers have managed to set up.

[https://issuu.com/rcwestminster/docs/westminster\\_record\\_may\\_2016](https://issuu.com/rcwestminster/docs/westminster_record_may_2016)

Refugee week is coming up (18-25 June), and there is a Prayer vigil on June 21st in Downing Street from 12.30-2.30, and also a Prayer Pilgrimage in Central London on the Lampedusa Cross theme, on Saturday June 25th. Venue to be confirmed.

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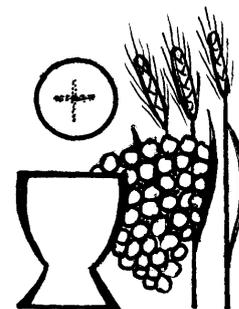
OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE  
 Bookings should be made with Phil  
 Johnson 01707 377442  
 Website for our 3 parishes  
 www.wgc-catholics.org.uk

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING** Free safeguarding training available to all members of the Catholic Community! The National Catholic Safeguarding Commission (NCSC) has worked with Educare to provide an online, interactive E-Learning safeguarding course which is now available to all in the Catholic Church. If you have a role (voluntary or paid) working with children/adults at risk or have an interest in safeguarding, the online training is a great opportunity to learn how to better protect children/adults at risk in your care and community. Some of the modules available include: Child Exploitation & Online Safety and Adult Safeguarding. To register please email: [safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk) with the following details: full name, parish/order/congregation, and your role e.g. parent, catechist leader.

<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	Holy Family:	Thursday 10am - 10.30am
	St. Bonaventure:	Saturday 10.30am - 11 am
	Our Lady's:	Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm

**MASS TIMES**

23 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	feria
24 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
25 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Bede
	7.30pm	Latin Mass Society	St. Bonaventure	
26 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Philip Neri
27 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	St. Augustine of Canterbury
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
28 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
		<b>Corpus Christi</b>		
28 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
29 Sunday	8am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	
	10.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	11.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	
	6pm	Mass	Holy Family	



**CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS:** If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplain: Jacqueline Humphreys on 07884187463