

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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‘Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven...’ These are the opening words of our Second Reading today from the Letter to the Hebrews. How powerfully the Author takes the image of priest and expresses the movement of Jesus to heaven, achieved through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. And from his place in heaven, Jesus lavishes mercy and grace upon us. Let’s turn now to the longer version of our Gospel passage from St. Mark. Just before we enter the this text they are on the road, going up to Jerusalem, with Jesus walking on ahead. His disciples are in a daze and apprehensive! What happens next? The two brothers James and John want the best seats in heaven! Thrones, crowns and places to the right and left of the Lord - what a request! ‘Can you drink the cup I must drink or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?’ is Jesus’ question to the pair and their response is affirmative. Little do they realise that the glory of Jesus will come about by his being lifted up on the throne of the Cross, his crown will be made out of thorns and it will be two criminals who will accompany him at that point, sharing in the shame of crucifixion. They forget that three times he has predicted his fate; they have short or selective memories! However, Jesus then offers them his own understanding of his Mission: to give his life in service as a ransom for many. His priestly work of sacrificial love sanctifies us and calls on us to journey with him to the glory of heaven - the new Jerusalem.

What does all of this mean for us? Why did St. Mark record the events of today’s Gospel? To show up the disciples? More likely to challenge us to remember the cost of discipleship. We have to learn to walk with the Lord, to be of humble service to others, to be ready to suffer and be united with Jesus. We cannot run away from this fact, The marvellous Gift is of God’s Son who is merciful and offers us grace to support our efforts.

God bless your week. *Fr. Norbert*

KASIA LACINA RIP Kasia's Funeral Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's on Wednesday 24th October at 12 noon.

RCIA Continues on Monday 22nd at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Sacristy. There's still time to join if you are interested in becoming a Catholic.

CONFIRMATION Enrolment of young people for Confirmation will be in Holy Family Church TODAY (21st) at 7pm. Young people should be at least in Year 9 at school. Parents are asked to come to this meeting with their son or daughter. The meeting will last one hour.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Enrolment for Our Lady's Church will be on Tuesday 27th November at 7.45pm in Our Lady's Church (children do not have to attend); the sessions are on a Sunday morning starting in the new year. Enrolment for Holy Family Church will be on Sunday 2nd December after 9.30 Mass. Holy Family's sessions begin in the new year and are usually after school midweek.

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH To celebrate the season of creation we'd like to have a bring and share lunch on **Sunday 28th October** in the Sacristy at the back of Our Lady's Church from 12.30. If you'd like to try some tasty plant based food please email shelley.waldock@hotmail.co.uk or text or call 07736323509 to confirm your attendance. Please let me know if you are also able to bring something to share. Thanks! Shelley.

HCPT 2019 Group 183 desperately needs helpers for Easter Week (Monday 22nd - Saturday 27th April) to ensure that the children and young people who wish to go can do so. Helpers have to attend training and safeguarding before the trip, as well as have time getting to know their child before travel. They will also have to be able to pay for their own fare. If this is some thing you feel you may be able to do, please contact Emma at group183@hcpt.org.uk or phone on 07740858313. Emma needs to know by the end of October so that a decision can be made about whether or not the group can go next year.

PRAYER SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE Saturday 3rd November 12.00 at St Bonaventure's. We invite you and your family and friends to join us for a short Service of Prayer to remember our loved ones who have died and comfort for all who mourn them. Tea/coffee afterwards.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Holy Family needs 4 volunteers to join our teams for making teas and coffees after our Sunday morning Mass. Each volunteer will be required to help once every two months. Please contact Michael Cole on 01438 820531 or email michaeldcole@hotmail.com.

JULIAN OF NORWICH - a Meditation - seen and heard in original dance, music and image will be presented in the Catholic church of Our Lady & St Vincent, (243 Mutton Lane), Potters Bar, EN6 2AT on Sunday 4th November at 6pm. This inspiring work has been well received around the country. Please just turn up; there is no ticketing.

NEED A CLEANER? Then phone Elizabeth Anderson on 01707 883770 or 07980 887231 - regular cleans, one off, ironing etc.

EXPERIENCED GARDENER available to maintain the beauty of your garden. Lawn cutting, hedge cutting, pruning shrubs and roses and weeding of flower beds. Call Daniel on 07751992492.

FRENCH TEACHER Do you need a native French teacher? GCSE-AS/2-conversational. Please contact Sarah on 07986 700989

RECLAIM HALLOWEEN WITH NIGHT OF LIGHTS On Wednesday 31st October between 9 and 10pm at Holy Family Church there will be an hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament by candlelight with gentle music and some prayers. The church will be open to the public, and any interested passers-by (dressed up ghosts and ghouls welcome) will be invited to light a candle and say a prayer if they so wish. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

CLOCKS Don't forget that next weekend the clocks go back one hour as British Summer Time ends. It is going to get dark earlier in the evenings!

OUR LADY SCHOOL Year 3 will be coming to the 9.30am Mass on Monday.

NOVEMBER All Saints Day on Thursday 1st November is a Holy Day of Obligation when the Church asks Catholics to come to Mass. Masses will be as follows: 9.30am at Holy Family, 12noon at St. Bonaventure's and 7pm at Our Lady's. **All Souls Day** is on Friday 2nd November and this is such an important day to come and pray for the dead. Masses will be as follows: 6.30am at St. Bonaventure's (followed by breakfast), 9.30am at Holy Family, 12noon at St. Bonaventure's and 7pm at Our Lady's. **November Dead List** There are sheets at the back of each church for you to write down the names of loved ones who have died. These will be near the altar during the month of November and will be remembered at Mass. *There is no need to give any money.* **Remembrance Day** The 11th November this year has great significance as we mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. As well as the Services in Howardsgate (at 10.45am) and Hatfield Hyde (at 3pm), there will be the ringing of church bells at 7.05pm (including St. Bonaventure's and Holy Family!) For this reason at the end of Holy Family's 6pm Mass there will be 15 minutes of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction leading into the ringing of the bells of Holy Family.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER Parents applying to a Catholic School will need a Certificate of Catholicity which affirms that a child comes from a practising Catholic family, i.e. a family which attends Mass every week. Fr. Norbert will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholicity Forms on Tuesday 23rd 4.00 - 6.30pm. Please make an appointment with Kathryn Hubbard for a 10-minute slot. Parent/s and child should come to Our Lady's Church and wait to be called. Parents should fill in the 'extra' form available at the back of our churches and bring it to the meeting.

CAMINO We're now full! There's a waiting list!

BLESSING OF GRAVES Sunday 11th November at 1.30pm Hatfield Hyde. Sunday 18th November at 2pm Southway. Sunday 25th November 2pm at Welwyn New Cemetery.

DATES Day Pilgrimage with the Deaf to Walsingham Saturday 18th May. Trip to Canterbury Cathedral with Christian Churches of WGC Saturday 15th June 2019. Service in the Crypt, Guided Tours, picnic lunch, free (shopping!) time and Evensong. in Cathedral. Keep the dates free!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Filled boxes can be brought to St. Bonaventure's or whichever church you attend as soon as you have them ready.

GEN VERDE is coming back to the UK! Gen Verde is an International Performing Arts Group of the Focolare Movement. Their music and choreographies are an expression of their own experiences of living the Gospel and working for peace. Since the 20 artists come from 14 different countries, their styles are very varied and their concerts are suitable for people of all ages (from 8 years old upwards).

Gen Verde will lead the singing at **Our Lady's 11.30am Mass on Sunday 4th November**. On **Tuesday 13th November** they will hold a **Concert at 7.30pm at Christ Church Baptist**, 20 Tewin Rd, Welwyn Garden City AL7 1BW. Tickets £7.00 each (Family concessions) available on the door (cash only) or contact: cfu.responses@focolare.org.uk or tel: Lucy 01727 765 262 (evenings) Further information can be found on the leaflets at the back of the church. Also, there will be an **interactive weekend** with Gen Verde: music, workshops, life & more! From **Friday 16th (7pm) to Sunday 18th November**. To book your place go to: <https://tinyurl.com/GenVerde18> Cost: £45 (unwaged), £55 (waged) Age: 15-23 years old. 69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6JG Contact: Anja: 07779 161243 | Davide: 07922 232643

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP PARTY Come and have fun at our party (for all children) on Tuesday 6th November from 3.45pm - 5.15pm. Games, Spooky Tea and Fireworks. Come dressed up. Bring a small amount of food (pizza provided). Parents are welcome to stay but those who don't must return by 4.45pm so there is maximum supervision for the fireworks. £2 to cover costs.

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CONFESSIONS

Holy Family: Thursday **10am**
St. Bonaventure: Saturday **10.30am -11am**
Our Lady's: Saturday **5pm -5.30pm.**

Website for our 3 parishes
www.wgc-catholics.org.uk

ST ALBANS Every Friday at St. Albans Abbey-
Cathedral a Catholic Mass is celebrated at 12 noon.
You are all welcome.

TRANSPORT TO MASS SERVICE Several parishioners are now being given regular lifts to the Mass of their choice by our volunteer drivers. If you know of anybody in need of transport or feel you could offer a regular or occasional service as a driver please fill in a yellow or pink form at the back of each church. Thank you.

INTERFAITH The next inter faith evening meeting will be at Hatfield Fire Station AL10 0DA on Tuesday 23 October 7.15 - 9.30pm on the subject of The Environment: Is Faith a Friend or Foe? The speakers will be Father Tom O'Brien, an Assumptionist priest from Hitchin, and Julian Wall from the Amaravati Buddhist Monastery near Hemel Hempstead.

FINANCE COMMITTEES Our Lady's this Tuesday (23rd). Holy Family 31st October.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION Any couples wishing to get married in Welwyn Garden City or elsewhere should speak to Fr. Norbert so that the necessary preparations can be made. The Marriage Preparation Day will be on Saturday 23rd March 2019.

MASS TIMES

22 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	St. John Paul II
23 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
24 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
	12noon	Funeral Mass	St. Bonaventure	
25 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
26 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
27 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

27 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's
28 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 and need a Catholic Chaplain contact **Chaplaincy Office Tel: 01438 285138 (24/7) Urgent need: 01438 314 333 via text message: 07876 526935 email: chaplaincy.enh-tr@nhs.net**