

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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When I think of Corpus Christi, my first memory goes back to when I was five years old, a child at Primary School and a Corpus Christi Procession in the grounds of the convent. We followed the Blessed Sacrament singing. I remember the sun was shining! Times change and the convent has a new location and probably the procession doesn't happen any more. However, the memory and the experience have stayed with me.

In our Gospel passage today, St. Luke's community calls to mind the fact that Jesus fed the 5000 with just five loaves and two fish. In thinking back to this event, they must have associated it with the Eucharist: Jesus raising his eyes to heaven, blessing and breaking, then getting the disciples to distribute the loaves and the fishes so that the crowds could eat as much as they wanted. In our reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, he reminds his community of what he received and handed on to them. St. Paul gives us the words used by Jesus at the Last Supper when the Lord promised that the bread and wine, blessed and consecrated truly would become himself - his Body and Blood.

In today's Solemnity, the Church invites us to remember - and give thanks - for the Gift beyond measure which nourishes us with the Lord's very life. This Sacrificial Banquet helps us to worship God our Father and gives us the sustenance we need to grow more and more like Christ. The Eucharist brings healing, forgiveness and is the Food of everlasting life. Mass can be celebrated in a small room or chapel, in the magnificent splendour of a cathedral or outdoors with the open sky as a ceiling. It is the same Lord who nourished the crowds who makes himself known in this heavenly way. In having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, we can adore the Real Presence and rest in his love. In participating in a Eucharistic Procession, we follow Jesus and learn from him about selflessness and total giving.

May today's celebration enable each one of us to grow closer to Jesus Christ and strengthen our appreciation of the Gift handed on to us. God bless you! *Fr. Norbert*

FR. TOM Fr. Tom will be taking up a new appointment at the beginning of September as Assistant Priest at St. Bernard and St. Gabriel's Parish in Northolt and South Harrow. We wish Fr. Tom every blessing in his new posting. A farewell will be announced in due course. As yet no replacement has been mentioned.

PATRICK DORE R.I.P. The Funeral Mass for Patrick will be at St. Bonaventure's on Tuesday 25th June at 11am.

JADWIGA BALAWENDER R.I.P. The Funeral Mass for Jadwiga will be at St. Bonaventure's on Wednesday 26th June at 9.45am.

MARGARET KEMHADJIAN R.I.P. Funeral Mass at Holy Family on Wednesday 10th July at 9.30am.

FIRST COMMUNION On Sunday 30th June, there will be a Thanksgiving Mass at Our Lady's at 3pm when all the children from our three parishes will gather to thank the Lord for the Gift they have received. They can wear their First Communion clothes again. There will be a reception afterwards in the Salvation Army Hall next door.

CANTERBURY Last Saturday 125 people from the Churches in Welwyn Garden City made their way to Canterbury on a day of pilgrimage. The crypt was filled with the sounds of hymns of praise, prayer, Scripture and reflection. Guided tours followed and wonderful sunshine as the pilgrims enjoyed a picnic. The day was completed with Evensong. As the coaches pulled in to the Garden City the heavens opened and the rain came down! Nothing could spoil the tremendous atmosphere of fellowship which had been kindled.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Our Lady's on Wednesday 17th July at 7.30pm.

SEMINARIAN Dániel Vörös from the Diocese of Szombathely in western Hungary will spend a month with us this July improving his English and sharing in the life of our parishes. We look forward to welcoming him. If any of you would like to invite him for a cup of tea etc, please let Fr. Norbert know.

MASS FOR DIOCESAN CLERGY On Friday 28th June, the Cardinal has invited diocesan priests from England and Wales to the Cathedral for Mass at noon. It should be quite a gathering!

CHAPEL at Our Lady's will have to remain closed while the new Parish Centre is being built. We are sorry for the inconvenience caused.

MARRIAGE Any couples who wish to get married in Welwyn Garden City or elsewhere should contact Fr. Norbert.

POLISH-ENGLISH MASS will be this Saturday 29th June at 6pm at Our Lady's. Serdecznie zapraszamy cala Polonie do udzialu w dorocznej Polsko-Angielskiej Mszy Sw, ktora odbedzie sie w Sobote, 29 Czerwca o godz 18:00 w kosciele Our Lady, Welwyn Garden City. Po mszy sw, zachecamy do pozostania aby wspolnie swietowac poczucie wspolnoty. Zachecamy aby dolaczyc sie do wspolnej radosci oraz przyniesienia cos slodkiego do podzialu.

FILIPINO MASS Saturday 6th July at 6pm at Our Lady's. After Mass there will be a bring and share finger food, Filipino 'picka picka' style, as well as a short programme of singing and dancing by younger members of the Filipino community. All are welcome.

AFRICAN MASS The celebration for 2019 will be on Sunday 14th July at 11.30am. Lots of preparation has been underway for some time. Everyone is welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY The next First Friday early Mass will be at St. Bonaventure's at 6.30am on 5th July followed by breakfast in the hall. All welcome.

MONTHLY ADORATION The next 'Restoration' Holy Hour will be on Friday 12th July at 7.30pm (after 7pm Mass). The Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, worship music, reflections and silence. All are welcome.

ANNUAL SVP COLLECTION This collection for the work of the SVP will take place as a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend.

9.30AM MASS at Holy Family on Wednesday will be offered for the CAFOD Supporters lobbying Parliament re Climate Change, this will be preceded by Rosary at 9am.

DANCE CLUB will be starting in the Woodhall Community Centre on Mondays 2 - 4pm (24th June will be the first session). For those who wish to join in the 'tea dance' price £5. However, pensioners, those in wheelchairs and those on their own who would like to come for a cup of tea and a chat would be welcome to come free of charge. The organiser is hoping one or two might be happy to make tea on a voluntary basis. If anyone is interested, contact Russell on 01707 264154.

ASSISI 2020 Brochures and booking forms are now available at the back of our churches. The pilgrimage will have Christians from WGC to mark the Centenary and will be from Sunday 24th May until Friday 29th May 2020. There will be limited places so if you are interested, please return your booking form to Pax Travel as soon as possible. If anyone needs an electronic version, please let Fr. Norbert know.

CAFOD The CAFOD group at Holy Family are appealing for any unwanted gifts you might have for them to sell from their Table Top cupboard. All proceeds go to CAFOD.

OPEN DAY Anson Court Care Home and Day Centre is holding an Open Day on Saturday 29th June 10am to 4pm. There will be entertainment, activities and refreshments throughout the day. Everyone welcome. We are in Panshanger, Shackleton Way, AL7 3XF 2FF. Tel: 01707 379700

ST. BONAVENTURE'S FLOWER GROUP This group is in need of more people who would like to help with arranging the flowers. If you are interested or just want to know more then please phone Kathryn in the office on 01707 322579 or speak to her after Mass. You don't need to be an expert flower arranger!

FR. GEORGE FROM MALAWI Fr George and his niece Ruth will be visiting the UK in August. They will be staying with Michael & Carol Cole from the 7th to the 14th of August. If any parishioner would like to entertain them could they please email Michael saying when and in what way they would like to entertain them so that Michael can put together an agenda. Michael's email is michaeldcole@hotmail.com.

SUMMER FETE at Our Lady's School on Saturday 6th July 11am till 3pm. Fairground rides, BBQ, Drinks' Tent, face painting, cakes, bouncy castle and slide, games with prizes, raffle and 2km fun run. Entry £1, under 11s free. If anyone would like to have a stall, please contact the school office on 01707 324408.

THE TIME IS NOW. Join us on Wednesday 26 June at 1pm as we meet Welwyn Hatfield MP Grant Schapps outside Parliament as part of a mass lobby of MPs to ensure the government doesn't lose momentum on tackling climate change and the big issues affecting our environment, nature and wildlife. Go to www.TheTimeIsNowMap.co.uk to register, find out more and arrange getting there. It's time for our representatives to hear that we want ambitious laws that create a healthier environment for nature and people once and for all.

DO YOU KNOW anyone who would like to attend Mass but cannot manage the journey? We have experienced volunteer drivers willing to provide door to door transport. Please telephone Kay on 01707 335633 or Desi on 01707 371399.

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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

EXPERIENCED LOCAL GARDENER AVAILABLE Call Daniel on 07751992492.
DO YOU NEED A CLEANER? Then Phone Elizabeth Anderson on 01707 883770. One off cleans, regular or weekly, fortnightly, etc.
NEED A MOBILE HAIRDRESSER? Then call Tracey on 075812129417 for competitive rates. Husband James is also available for any property maintenance, rubbish clearance or house clearance with no job too big or too small. Contact James on 07572527731
ST ALBANS Every Friday at St. Albans Abbey-Cathedral a Catholic Mass is celebrated at 12 noon. You are all welcome.

MASS TIMES

24 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	Nativity of John the Baptist
25 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	11am	Funeral Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
26 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	feria
	9.45am	Funeral Mass	St. Bonaventure	
27 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. John Southworth
28 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Sacred Heart of Jesus
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
29 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Immaculate Heart of Mary
			St. Peter and St. Paul	
29 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
30	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	
	10.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	
	11.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	
	6pm	Mass	Holy Family	



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